



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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ONE NEW POSITIVE CASE IDENTIFIED

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The GTB Health Department is notifying the community that there was a new positive COVID-19 case identified today. The Benzie Leelanau Health Department has been notified based on county of residence. The positive case resides in Leelanau County Housing. The individual has been instructed to isolate at home and confirmatory testing is in progress. The case was symptomatic. Symptomatic individuals are carriers of the virus that causes COVID-19 that exhibit signs or symptoms during the course of the infection. It is important to note the significance of symptomatic spread in local cases. Approximately 61% of positive cases have been reported as symptomatic for Benzie-Leelanau.

The Benzie Leelanau Health Department will contact the positive case. During the contact, a complete case investigation will be conducted, including contact tracing. Information regarding possible exposure involving dates, times, and locations will be provided as a notice, once received from the case investigation. If you've been identified as a close contact (i.e. contact greater than 15 minutes within 6 feet) during the course of the case investigation, please expect to receive a call or text from the Grand Traverse County Health Department, the Benzie Leelanau Health Department, or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. **It is critically important you respond to the call or text in order to protect the community from further spread.**

Please note, this is the third (3rd) positive case identified in the last 6 days. In order to protect the community from further spread, it is important you strictly follow social distancing measures, masking, practice hand hygiene, and limit gatherings. **Additionally, whether you are asymptomatic or symptomatic, we strongly encourage you to test at the clinic at this time.**

The GTB Health Department has to date performed 433 tests with 3 positive results on the Abbott ID Now platform. Two positives are considered asymptomatic, true positives, while 1 symptomatic positive is pending confirmatory testing. Please do not hesitate to contact the GTB Health Department for concerns regarding this alert or questions about COVID-19 testing.

Respectfully,

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