



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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ANNOUNCING TWO (2) NEW COVID-19 CASES, FREE PULSE OXIMETERS, 2nd BOOSTERS NOW BEING SCHEDULED, FREE AT-HOME TESTS, KN95 MASKS, and N95 MASKS.

April 19, 2022

- **The GTB Health Department is reporting two (2) new positive COVID-19 case through April 15, 2022.** Our most recent 7-day positivity rate was 18.2% (compared to 6.7% for the State of Michigan). Please note, the higher positivity rate is skewed due to lower number of tests performed. In the month of April 2022 thus far, we have reported two (2) positives. We reported 96 new cases for January 2022, 22 cases for February 2022, and 3 cases for March 2022.

Currently, all GTB service areas are in low or medium community level risk. You can check your CDC COVID-19 community levels at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>.

In Michigan, there has been an increase of new cases particularly centered around the Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo regions. Despite the increase in new cases, hospitalizations remain steady below 500 patients statewide.

- **The GTB Health Department is distributing free pulse oximeters to GTB tribal members on a first come, first serve basis, as supplies last.** Please contact the clinic (231-534-7200) or your nearest CHR (please see CHR contact information below) to request your unit. A pulse oximeter is a small device that clips on your finger and measures your blood oxygen levels.
- **We continue to closely monitor the spread of Omicron BA.2 in Michigan.** In the U.S., BA.2 accounts for a growing proportion of infections, now rising to almost 86% of new cases. Michigan is seeing an increase of BA.2 cases with the limited number of specimens being sequenced. Since March 4, there have been 480 Omicron BA.2 specimens identified from 40 counties and City of Detroit.
- **Maximize your protection! Please call the COVID-19 Vaccination Line (231-534-7475) to get scheduled for a booster shot, vaccination, or for any questions.** Upcoming dates include:
 - April 19th, 3 Mile Office 10am to noon, TCC Employee Parking Lot 1pm to 3pm;
 - April 20th, Medicine Lodge 9:30am to 3:30pm;
 - April 26th, Benzie Office 1pm to 3pm;
 - April 27th, Medicine Lodge 9:30am to 3:30pm.**Also offered individually at each patient encounter.*



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The GTB Health Department has now administered 5,236 doses. Currently, 63% of GTB tribal members age 12 and over, 82% of GTB elders age 55 and over, and 19% of GTB tribal members age 5 to 11 years in the 6-county service area are vaccinated.

- **A reminder that GTB is providing free COVID-19 testing supplies, pulse oximeters, KN95 and N95 masks (while supplies last).**
 - Please call the clinic at (231) 534-7200 to make a request, or
 - Nearest CHR:
 - Saija McClellan, Charlevoix, (231) 534-7062
 - Elizabeth Elliott, Benzie (231) 534-7826
 - Ranee Compo, Traverse City (231) 534-7772
 - Tamra Newton, Peshawbestown (231) 534-7205
 - Or, tribal satellite office:
 - GTB Administration, (231) 534-7000
 - Benzie Office, (231) 534-7820
 - Charlevoix Office, (231) 534-7060
 - Traverse City Office, (231) 534-7760
- **Below is summary information for the 457 cumulative positive cases to-date tested at the GTB Health Department:**

By Age	CY2021	CY2021 %	CY2022	CY2022%
0-20 years	97	29%	33	27%
20-29 years	61	18%	18	15%
30-39 years	60	18%	24	20%
40-49 years	47	14%	17	14%
50-59 years	34	10%	14	11%
60-69 years	24	7%	8	7%
70-79 years	6	2%	8	7%
80-89 years	4	1%	1	1%
>89 years	1	0%	0	0%
Total	334	100%	123	100%



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By County

- Leelanau – 218
- Benzie – 16
- Grand Traverse – 176
- Kalkaska – 7
- Manistee – 4
- Charlevoix – 9
- Antrim -21
- Ingham – 1
- Isabella -3
- Wexford -1
- Out of State – 1

***There may be more active cases in the community that were tested at other facilities that are not included in this tally.

If you would like to get tested for COVID-19, please call the clinic at (231)-534-7200 to get on the daily testing schedule. Our test times are currently 8:15am and 1:15pm. We ask that all individuals tested appear on the testing schedule. Please note, the GTB Health Department tests tribal members and families, government employees, government entities, and essential support groups to GTB when possible.

Respectfully,

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