



# 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 District Health Department (BLDHD) has been notified based on county of residence. The positive case resides in Leelanau County, not on GTB reservation lands, and is a non-tribal member. The individual has been instructed to isolate at home. The case was symptomatic. Symptomatic individuals are carriers of the virus that causes COVID-19 and exhibit signs or symptoms during the course of the infection. It is important to note the significance of symptomatic spread in local cases. Approximately 60% of positive cases have been reported as symptomatic by BLDHD.

The BLDHD will contact the positive case and complete a full case investigation, including contact tracing. BLDHD will provide information regarding possible exposure dates, times, and locations as a public notice, once information is 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 BLDHD 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 fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) positive case identified in the last 7 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 481 tests with 4 positive results on the Abbott ID Now platform. Two positives were asymptomatic and 2 additional positives were symptomatic. Confirmatory testing is pending on 1 positive result. Please do not hesitate to contact the GTB Health Department for concerns regarding this notice or questions about COVID-19 testing.

Respectfully,

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