



# The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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## POTENTIAL COMMUNITY EXPOSURE EVENT

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The GTB Health Department is notifying the community of a potential community exposure event. If you attended the funeral service held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Martinson Funeral Home in Suttons Bay, please monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell, fever, muscle aches, sore throat, fatigue, headache, runny nose/congestion, vomiting, diarrhea). Please consider testing with or without symptoms at 5 to 7 days after October 20<sup>th</sup> and 14 days after October 20<sup>th</sup>. Please do not hesitate to call your medical provider for questions.

The Benzie Leelanau District Health Department is currently conducting an investigation. Although the investigation is ongoing, the GTB Health Department is taking this potential exposure seriously to protect the community from spread. Additional information shall be released once available.

If you are identified as a close contact (**someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset or 2 days prior to test specimen collection until the patient is isolated**) during the investigation, please expect to receive a call or text from the Benzie Leelanau District 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.**

At this time, it is important you continue to practice precautions like following social distancing, masking, avoiding close contact, avoiding closed and poorly ventilated spaces, and avoiding crowds.

The GTB Health Department has to date performed 1,772 tests with 10 positive results. Seven (7) positives were asymptomatic and three (3) positives were symptomatic. 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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