



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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TWO POSITIVE CASES IDENTIFIED

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The GTB Health Department is notifying the community that there were two positive COVID-19 cases identified today. The Grand Traverse County Health Department and Benzie Leelanau Health Department have both been notified based on county of residence. Both individuals have been instructed to isolate at home and confirmatory testing is in progress. Both cases were asymptomatic. Asymptomatic individuals are carriers of the virus that causes COVID-19 but do not exhibit signs or symptoms during the course of the infection. It is important to note the significance of asymptomatic spread in local cases. Approximately 35% of positive cases have been reported as asymptomatic for Benzie-Leelanau.

The Grand Traverse County Health Department and Benzie Leelanau Health Department will contact the positive cases, depending on the county of residence. During the contact, a complete case investigation will be conducted, including contact tracing. If you've been identified as a close contact 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 important you respond to the call or text in order to protect the community from further spread.

At this time, 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, we encourage you to test, whether asymptomatic or symptomatic.

The GTB Health Department has to date performed 355 tests with 2 tests resulting positive. 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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