



# The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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## UPDATES FROM THE GTB HEALTH DEPARTMENT

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

The GTB Health Department (GTBHD) would like to announce the following updates:

- We will begin offering COVID-19 testing at the 3 Mile Office location in Traverse City. **Starting Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, and each Wednesday thereafter, testing will be offered between 1pm and 3pm.** If you would like to schedule a test in Traverse City, please call (231) 534-7256. Due to safety reasons, all testing will occur by appointment only. We will announce additional locations and testing hours in the future.
- **Thank you to all those who participated in the 2020 GTB Community Needs Assessment.** We received responses from 437 participants. The 437 responses received exceeds our goal for 400 responses. Participants who completed the survey are eligible to receive a \$25 gift card. We are contacting participants directly to make arrangements to deliver the gift card. To date, over 176 gift cards have been distributed to participants. If you participated in the survey and have questions on how to receive your gift card, please contact Tamra Newton, Community Health Representative Supervisor at (231) 534-7205 or (231) 866-1120.
- **The GTBHD has set up a COVID-19 Helpline for those who have tested positive or may have been exposed.** Individuals can call (231) 534-7474 and speak directly to GTBHD doctors, nurse practitioners, and nurses for any questions or concerns. Calls that are not answered live will be returned within 1 business day. The helpline will be staffed during normal business hours Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm with lunch from noon to 1pm.

**Whether you are with or without symptoms, we strongly encourage everyone to test at the GTBHD at this time.** GTBHD has to date performed 1,145 tests with 8 positive results. Please do not hesitate to contact the GTBHD for concerns regarding this notice or questions about COVID-19 testing.

Respectfully,

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