



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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UPDATES FROM THE GTB HEALTH DEPARTMENT September 29th, 2020

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

- **Transportation services have been fully restored.** We are currently transporting all patients and providing pickup and delivery services. Due to COVID-19 precautions, transports are currently occurring one patient per vehicle only and for local distances in all GTB services areas. Please call the transportation hotline at (231) 534-7222 to schedule your service.
- **Please see table below for additional locations and service hours for COVID-19 testing and the flu shot.** Additional updates will be announced as we are working to provide more services at all our locations. If you would like to schedule a COVID-19 test, please call (231) 534-7256. All COVID-19 testing will occur by appointment only. Flu-shots can occur on a walk-in basis.

Location	Service Hours	Services
3 Mile Office	1pm to 3pm, Wednesdays	COVID-19 testing and flu shots
Charlevoix Office	11am to 2pm, Thursdays starting October 1st	Flu shots only
Benzie Office	1pm to 3pm, Tuesdays starting October 6 th	COVID-19 testing and flu shots

- **The CDC believes it's likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both be spreading this fall and winter.** Getting a flu vaccination is thus more important than ever to protect yourself and your loved ones from the seasonal influenza virus, and to conserve medical resources in case they are needed to care for people with COVID-19.

We strongly encourage everyone to get a COVID-19 test at the GTBHD at this time and receive their annual flu vaccination. GTBHD has to date performed 1,260 tests with 8 positive results. Please do not hesitate to contact the GTBHD for concerns regarding this update or questions.

Respectfully,

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