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Two more positive cases in Grand Traverse County, one brings possible community exposure

The Grand Traverse County Health Department is reporting two additional positive cases of COVID-19 in Grand Traverse County residents, bringing the total in the county to fifteen. After conducting both case investigations, the health department wants to make the public aware of the potential community exposure that one of the cases presents to the Grand Traverse County community.

The first case is a female in her 20s that had no history of travel, but did have contact with another positive COVID-19 case. The second case is a male in his 30s that has no history of travel. After a thorough case investigation, it was determined that there was no distinguishable exposure and that his case was one of community acquired transmission. Both individuals are recuperating at home.

The health department also wants to make the public aware of a possible community exposure site connected to one of the recent cases. If you visited the Holiday Station Store (gas station and convenience mart), 2600 S. Airport Road, Traverse City, 49684 and went inside the store during the below dates and times, you should self-monitor for signs of COVID-19 (fever, shortness of breath, dry cough) for 14 days after exposure.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Self-Monitor Until</u>
March 26, 2020	10:45am-8:00pm	April 9, 2020
March 27, 2020	10:45am-8:00pm	April 10, 2020
March 28, 2020	10:45am-8:00pm	April 11, 2020
March 29, 2020	10:45am-8:00pm	April 12, 2020

“Although we can’t quantify the extent of the exposure at the Holiday Station Store for those who may have stopped there, we report it out of an abundance of caution and transparency,” said Wendy Hirschenberger, Health Officer, “We know and appreciate the services that our essential workforce is providing for our community. We value it to the utmost, but we also need those that are keeping our community moving to reflect and follow the basic guidance that we have been giving out, like staying home when you are sick. Everyone is counting on everyone else to do their part.”

Grand Traverse County cumulatively has reported 15 positive cases, 3 deaths and 3 who are recovered.

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