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## **Grand Traverse County Case COVID Report and Case Investigation Breakdown Oct. 12 - 13**

For Wednesday, October 13, 2020, the Grand Traverse County Health Department is reporting eight new cases of COVID-19 and one death. Wednesday's additions bring the cumulative case total to 535, with 373 recovered and twelve deaths, leaving 146 active cases. The latest death was a male, in his 70s.

While conducting case investigations, the listed locations, during the specified dates and times were discovered to be a place of potential public exposure.

### **Thirsty Fish Sports Grille**

Friday, October 9 from 10 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

### **Turtle Creek Casino**

Sunday, October 11 from 7 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

If you were present at the above locations during the listed time periods, you should self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days since the possible exposure, **particularly if you were not wearing a mask or maintaining 6 foot distance from others.**

Symptoms include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle aches, repeated shaking with chills, headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell.

**Anyone that is self-monitoring as a result should keep away from the public, family, close contacts and roommates as much as possible.**

From October 12 - 13, 2020, Grand Traverse County Health Department completed **25** case investigations for confirmed COVID-19 cases. The following is information known at this time:

- All **25** cases are primary residents.
- Ages:
  - 0-19 1
  - 20-29 6
  - 30-39 5
  - 40-49 3
  - 50-59 4
  - 60-69 5
  - 80-89 1
- Symptomatic: **17**                      Asymptomatic: **8**

- **11** are linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during the case investigation
- **5** are linked to large group gatherings or social events
- **16** cases were known close contacts to other positive cases
- Approximately **50** close contacts were identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine.

Case Investigations were also completed on **8** probable cases (individuals who were close contacts of a positive COVID case who became symptomatic during their quarantine).

With 3 new deaths in the past week, continued vigilance of monitoring for symptoms, staying home when sick, wearing a mask and keeping 6 foot distance when around others is more important than ever. The elderly and those with underlying medical conditions are at greater risk for severe illness and death from Covid-19. While everyone is at risk of getting COVID, we must continue to protect those most vulnerable. Most of the 12 deaths in Grand Traverse County from COVID have been in those 70 or older.

On Friday, October 9th, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon issued [an Emergency Order](#) under section 2253 of the Public Health Code. This order provides additional detail and clarity around the major areas of protection including facial coverings, worker protections, and limits on gathering sizes. The new provisions in the MDHHS orders provide for capacity limits in businesses, masks in childcare centers, added protections for workers, and requirements for contact tracing. The state also released an [infographic](#) and a [fact sheet](#) to provide a better understanding of the latest orders.

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