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Grand Traverse County COVID report, public exposure site

For Tuesday, November 17, 2020, the Grand Traverse County Health Department is reporting 35 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the cumulative case total to 1,248 with 606 recovered and 17 deaths, leaving 625 active cases.

Since the beginning of November, we have added 462 cases of COVID-19, averaging over 27 cases per day. We continue to urge those that test positive to immediately self-isolate and contact those you were in close contact with during your infectious period (within six feet and longer than 15 minutes over the course of 24 hours). The infectious period begins 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms or 48 hours prior to the day the test was taken if you are asymptomatic. An infographic with instructions can be found [here](#).

Earlier this week, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon released a new [Epidemic Order](#) regarding gathering restrictions and face mask requirements. This order will take effect at 12:01AM on Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 and remains in effect through December 8th, 2020. The order was issued to enact a three-week pause targeting indoor social gatherings and other group activities in an effort to curb rapidly rising COVID-19 infection rates.

While conducting case investigations, the below locations, during the specified dates and times were determined to be a place of potential public exposure. **Exposure sites not open to the public are contacted directly.** (With the number of cases continuing to grow at an accelerated pace, we have widespread community transmission. Although these locations have been identified, it should be assumed that every venture out into public is a possible risk.)

Turtle Creek Casino:

Sunday, November 8 from 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.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 have a heightened sense of awareness that you could become infectious at any point during the 14-day self-monitoring period. Please keep this in mind when interacting with family, friends and the public.

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