

SECOND POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE CONFIRMED IN NEWAYGO COUNTY

March 24, 2020 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) reports the second confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in Newaygo County. The individual is not a resident of Newaygo County or of Michigan but is currently residing and recuperating in Newaygo County. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has designated this as an “out of state” case in Michigan. DHD#10 is investigating the case further to determine any other potential exposures to the individual.

“As COVID-19 spreads throughout our region, there is the possibility that individuals may have been exposed to the virus in public places,” said Kevin Hughes, DHD#10 Health Officer. “We urge our communities to work together, take all public health executive orders seriously, and stay home to stay safe and save lives.”

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, people should wash their hands, stay home, avoid close contact with sick people, cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and disinfect commonly touched surfaces.

COVID-19 symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath.

The Health Department and all local officials are relying on our community to work together to slow the potential spread of illness and refer to official sources of reliable information. For local updates, visit www.dhd#10.org. Trusted information can also be found at www.michigan.gov/coronavirus and www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/.

Going forward, DHD#10 will only be notifying the media of the first two cases in each of the ten counties in our jurisdiction. We will post all additional cases on our website at www.dhd10.org. This marks the second COVID-19 case in Newaygo County, so all additional cases in Newaygo County will be posted on our website.

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