

DHD#10 REPORTS THREE POSSIBLE PUBLIC EXPOSURES AT LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT IN MANISTEE

September 2, 2020 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) was notified that three individuals that tested positive for COVID-19 were on the property of Little River Casino Resort (LRCR) and were potentially contagious during the following dates and times: Friday, 8/28/2020, between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM; Saturday, 8/29/2020, between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM; and Tuesday, 9/1/2020, between 6:20 AM and 2:40 PM.

If you were at LRCR on the dates listed above, you should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days from the possible exposure date. Anyone that is self-monitoring as a result should keep away from family, close contacts, and roommates as much as possible. COVID-19 symptoms include fever or chills, cough, fatigue, shortness of breath, muscle aches, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and recent loss of taste or smell. Anyone experiencing one or more of these symptoms should immediately quarantine themselves and contact a medical provider.

“The LRCR team proactively responded when notified of this exposure. In addition to the already thorough cleaning protocols in our Health and Safety Plan, all areas were meticulously cleaned and sanitized in accordance with CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of our team members, guests, and the community,” stated General Manager Andrew Gentile. “Little River Casino Resort has an excellent working relationship with the District Health Department #10 as well as Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Health. The collaboration of information and resources ensures compliance with all applicable requirements and guidelines in place to keep our community, team members, and guests safe.”

While DHD#10 will release information about public exposure sites when it is determined through investigation that it’s not possible to identify all close contacts, everyone needs to remember that approximately 40% of COVID-19 cases appear to be asymptomatic. Asymptomatic cases are especially difficult because they are not sick and therefore not staying home. Additionally, contagious individuals can spread virus prior to experiencing symptoms.

“As we continue to experience community spread of COVID-19, it should be understood that anyone choosing to go out in public, whether to a bar, restaurant, golf course, retail store, family gathering, funeral, or any other public place, could potentially be exposed to COVID-19 at any time, thus you should always be monitoring for symptoms,” stated Kevin Hughes, Health Officer for DHD#10.

For more information about COVID-19, go to: www.dhd10.org/coronavirus, www.michigan.gov/coronavirus, or www.cdc.com/coronavirus

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