

MDHHS AND DHD#10 COVID-19 REPORTING UPDATE DHD#10 Moving to Weekly COVID-19 Reporting

February 10, 2022 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) announces they are shifting away from daily COVID-19 case reporting and moving to a weekly COVID-19 report, beginning Monday, February 14. The weekly COVID-19 report will post each Monday afternoon (on Tuesdays in the event of a holiday) and will include COVID-19 case data and summaries from the previous Sunday-Saturday period.

"The decision to move to weekly reporting was made following the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announcement that they are also scaling back on the number of days they report COVID-19 data," stated Kevin Hughes, DHD#10 Health Officer. "After over two years of reporting case data on a daily basis, we felt the time was right to adjust to weekly reporting and reallocate some of our important resources to other public health programs."

Some adjustments are being made to DHD#10's <u>Data Dashboard</u> as well, including moving away from reporting on contact tracing and adding a 7-day average of cases for the district and for each county. The dashboard will also reflect breakthrough cases as well as smaller updates to make readability easier and more user-friendly.

"As we move toward the weekly reporting of COVID-19 cases, we want to highlight that it is still important to get tested and vaccinated," Hughes stated. "COVID-19 is still a very real threat, and we must still prioritize the pathways to protect our residents."

For those wanting to schedule their COVID-19 vaccine, booster dose and/or flu shot, please visit www.dhd10.org/schedule or call 888-217-3904.

For those interested in hosting a COVID-19 vaccine or testing clinic at their location, please complete this registration form: https://bit.ly/3j52rSj.

For those needing a COVID-19 test, DHD#10 is hosting testing clinics at various locations throughout their jurisdiction. Find a testing site near you at www.dhd10.org/covid19-testing-clinics. You do not need to be a resident to get tested at any of these clinics. COVID-19 testing also takes place at most pharmacies, urgent cares, and your primary health care provider's office. You can also find testing in neighboring counties on the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) site: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178 104699 104714-554722---,00.html.

DHD#10 does not supply COVID-19 at-home tests; however, test kits are available at most pharmacies. Be sure to call your pharmacy ahead of time, as demand is high. You can also get at-home tests through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the United States Postal Service (USPS) here: https://www.covidtests.gov/.



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If you have a positive COVID-19 at-home test kit, please report it here: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6715540/Home-Test-Report.

Employers are critical to our understanding of outbreaks. If you are an employer and would like to report a positive test result from your organization, please do so at: covidreporting@dhd10.org.

For more information on COVID-19, visit www.dhd10.org/coronavirus.

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