Mackinac Straits Health System
Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19

The first positive test for COVID-19 associated with Mackinac County has been received. Mackinac Straits Health System has announced that an employee that works on the St. Ignace Campus has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is not a resident of Mackinac County and is recuperating at home. This individual does not have a recent international travel history. Appropriate steps have been taken to notify those employees in the respective work areas that may have been affected. To protect patient privacy and HIPAA regulations, the employee’s name is not being released.

LMAS District Health Department is working with the Mackinac Straits Health System and assisting with case investigation and with follow-up contact tracing, assessment and monitoring in accordance with current CDC guidelines.

The Health Department urges our community to continue to be cooperative with recommendations to keep yourself and others safe. This includes following the executive order instituted earlier this week from Governor Whitmer to “Stay Home, Stay Safe” and implement social distancing. Reducing person-to-person contact is the best way to slow and reduce the spread of this novel (new) virus which the population has no immunity to.

People who are mildly ill with COVID-19 are able to safely recover at home. Seek medical care if your symptoms worsen by calling ahead to your provider. 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. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, people should wash their hands properly, avoid close contact with sick people, and disinfect commonly touched surfaces.

More information about COVID-19 and the Governor’s Executive Orders can be found at LMASDHD.org and Michigan.gov/Coronavirus. Updates will be provided as more information is available.

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