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First Positive COVID-19 Case Confirmed in Schoolcraft County Resident

LMAS District Health Department is announcing the first confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in a Schoolcraft County Resident.

On April 8, 2020, LMAS District Health Department became aware of a positive COVID-19 case identified through a private laboratory. The identified person is an adult with no history of recent domestic travel. LMAS believes the risk to the public to be very low.

The LMAS District Health Department will notify people who have been identified as close contacts. They will be assessed for symptoms and monitored appropriately. LMAS District Health Department will not be disclosing additional information about the individual.

LMAS District Health Department will not be submitting press releases for any additional cases after the first case in each county. It is important for everyone to assume that the novel coronavirus which causes COVID-19 is present throughout the region. If you want to keep up to date with current case counts in your county you can visit Michigan.gov/coronavirus.

The Health Department urges our community to continue to be cooperative with recommendations to keep yourself and others safe. This includes following “Stay Home, Stay Safe” orders and social distancing. People who are mildly ill with COVID-19 are able to safely recover at home while others need additional care through hospitalization. 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 people not in their immediate household, 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.

Stay Home. Stay Safe.

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