

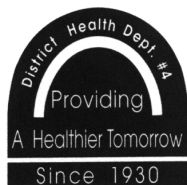
District Health Department No. 4

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District Health Department No. 4 COVID 19 Update

✓ District Health Department No. 4 reports a dramatic increase in COVID 19 positive cases in our area due to increased surveillance & testing at a local long-term care facility this weekend which included residents and employees. To see full media release go to www.dhd4.org/covid19 in the News Release section.

✓ As the COVID-19 situation in the State of Michigan evolves, MDHHS continues to adapt resources and capacity planning to support the varied needs of partners in healthcare and public health. Given the continued expansion of COVID-19 testing capacity in Michigan, MDHHS is expanding the COVID-19 testing prioritization criteria to broaden the populations eligible for testing.

- MDHHS is expanding COVID-19 testing prioritization criteria to include all health care workers and first responders (even if they do not have symptoms) as part of the Priority Three group for testing.
- MDHHS has added a Priority Four group that includes critical infrastructure workers (i.e., any worker still leaving the home for in-person work), whether they have symptoms or not. *Note: these individuals may be tested only if specimen collection and testing capacity remains after serving all patient groups above.

Go to <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98189---,00.html> to find testing site information. For those that want to inquire about testing they can currently call the following: Thunder Bay Community Health Services hotline at 989.733.6827 or Mid Michigan Oxbow at (888) 591-0500. They will work with all residents to determine need, criteria and access.

✓ Check out our new DHD4 COVID-19 data dashboard. This dashboard will present the most up-to-date information available regarding COVID-19 in our counties. As testing capabilities and availability increase, we are able to share more meaningful data regarding positive cases without violating confidentiality as testing increases. This increase in testing will allow us to identify more positive cases, to better understand the pattern of COVID-19 in our area, and to more easily share relevant data with the public. Visit www.dhd4.org/covid19.

As of 2:00 pm, 4/21/2020:

24 new Cases to report-20 Alpena, 4 Presque Isle

Alpena-35, 1 death

Cheboyan-14, 1 death

Montmorency-4

Presque Isle-6

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