

District Health Department No. 4



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District Health Department No. 4 COVID 19 Update

The state website states that Presque Isle County has a Positive COVID19 case. We cannot confirm this to be a presumptive positive in Presque Isle County at this time.

We have not been notified of this result.

After further investigations, county case numbers may need to be corrected due to data entry errors or dual residency issues. We will keep you updated.

One 'behind-the-scenes' effort in our public health response is the work of contact tracing. When an individual tests positive for COVID-19 or is a contact of a positive, our communicable disease team begins contact tracing. They work with the individual to identify any potential exposures for that person, starting 48 hours before symptom onset. Then, the contact tracing team reaches out to each of those individuals who had significant exposure to the case to make them aware of the exposure, talk through quarantine, and the process of monitoring symptoms daily. In the last two weeks our communicable disease team has well over 300 hours completed.

Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director, wishes to commend the effort of this contact tracing team sharing, "the Health Department has greatly expanded the number of Nurses and Support Staff, who have worked long days, nights, and weekends, to perform this crucial task to control the spread of illness."

As of 4:00 p.m., 4/2/2020, DHD4 jurisdiction COVID 19 case count: Alpena-0; Cheboygan-5, deaths- 1; Montmorency-0; Presque Isle-0. Michigan-12,744 cases and 479 deaths.

125 tests have been submitted-29 results pending and 91 NEGATIVE test results received.

Stay up-to date on the latest information in our health department jurisdiction at www.dhd4.org and on our Facebook page.

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PLEASE NOTE: District Health Department No. 4 will now be releasing an informational update daily by 4:00pm. As testing capacity continues to expand and the results increase accordingly, it is not feasible to report each separate result. We are developing a method of reporting compiled results at the end of each day which will also be posted on our website.

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