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Another Possible COVID 19 Public Exposure Locations Announced

The only time DHD4 will alert the public to specific locations where an individual who has tested positive has been is when the contact-tracing team are unable to contact all of the individuals who may have been present (for example: larger facilities). DHD4 wants to make the public aware of a location that may have allowed for low risk exposure, therefore making individual identification difficult. Individuals who were present at the listed Alpena location, at the designated times, have the potential for low risk exposure.

Alpena Walmart- 4/25/20 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Individuals should monitor for symptoms consistent with COVID 19. If they do not developed symptoms within the 14 days of these dates, there is nothing to be done. Those that develop symptoms within 14 days of these dates should contact their doctor and consider COVID 19 testing.

While this news is unnerving for many individuals, it is why we continue to urge residents to stay home and stay safe and to:

- only leave home for essential needs and as infrequently as possible,
- limit the number of individuals who leave your home (designate one person to get groceries, pick up medicine),
- stay at least 6 feet away and avoid gatherings, if you must go out,
- when recreating outdoors, maintain social distancing and do not congregate,
- wash your hands frequently for at least twenty seconds,
- avoid touching your face,
- disinfect commonly touched surfaces,
- check on others – by calling loved ones and neighbors who are most at risk to see how they are doing and if they need help.

“We cannot over-emphasize the importance of compliance with the Stay Home, Stay Safe order,” remarked Denise Bryan, Health Officer at DHD4. “We want to stress that this is an order, not a suggestion, aimed at protecting the public’s health. The rise in cases and ongoing community spread in our area reminds us it is imperative that we follow this order and NOT leave home. Essential businesses should be screening their employees and implementing social distancing measures.”

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