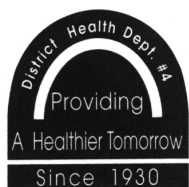


District Health Department No. 4



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District Health Department No. 4 COVID 19 Update

District Health Department No. 4 is reminding residents of the importance of staying home to save lives. In the event it becomes necessary to leave your home, guidance has shifted for individuals wearing cloth face coverings which can slow the spread of coronavirus.

Growing evidence suggests the virus can spread:

- Before people show symptoms (pre-symptomatic) and
- From people who have the virus but never show symptoms (asymptomatic).

Cloth face coverings help prevent spread of COVID-19 in these situations.

There are many examples of simple, no sew cloth face covering options. The US Surgeon General can be seen on this link making your own cloth face covering <https://www.facebook.com/CDC/videos/1260776464113699/?t=4> . PLEASE leave surgical and N95 masks for health care workers and first responders whose jobs put them at a high risk every day.

Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director at District Health Department No. 4, remarked “As we learn more about COVID-19, guidance for people wearing face coverings to the grocery store or out in public has shifted. However, it’s extremely important to remember that even when wearing a face cover, people should practice social distancing of 6 feet and continue regular, if not more frequent handwashing, as they may touch their faces more to adjust face covers.”

Additionally, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recently issued an emergency order that sets fines at \$1000 for not complying with the executive orders banning gatherings or non-essential businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. The full emergency order is available here <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163-524105--,00.html> on the State of Michigan’s Coronavirus website.

Data Reporting as of 4pm 4/7/20

County	# of Tests	Negative	Positive	Pending	Deaths
Alpena	60	49	0	11	0
Cheboygan	60	44	10	6	1
Montmorency	19	10	0	9	0
Presque Isle	19	14	1	4	0
Total	158	117	11	30	1

*data will be updated by the end of each day.

*Numerous agencies around the State of Michigan enter data into the COVID 19 tracking system and counts on the State of Michigan website might differ due to data entry errors such as incorrect addresses.

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