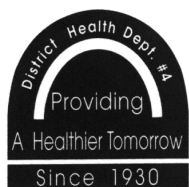


District Health Department No. 4



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District Health Department No. 4 COVID 19 Update

DHD4 has been asked on many occasions to share more specific details regarding positive COVID-19 cases like zip codes, towns, and gender of individuals. We have previously shared how important our process of case investigation and contact tracing is in identifying those who may have been exposed to prevent further spread.

Data regarding positive cases becomes both easier to share and more meaningful as our numbers increase. We remain committed to protecting the personal information of the individuals affected but want the public to know that we are working on developing a data dashboard that will house the up-to-date information that we are able to compile and share.

Medical Director, Dr. Josh Meyerson, reinforced that “there is still not enough testing to provide surveillance data that could be helpful for the public regarding local disease activity. There are far more people who are sick with COVID-19 than the lab confirmed cases reported. There are also individuals who are considered contagious who have not yet begun to develop symptoms, or may remain asymptomatic.”

When cases are reported to the Health Department, they often tell us where the virus was spreading 10-14 days ago, not where it may be currently. These factors together are why we continue to stress that any time an individual leaves their home or interacts with people outside their household, they are at risk of being exposed AND of exposing others without realizing it.

Data Reporting as of 3:30 pm 4/9/20

no new positives to report

County	# of Tests	Negative	Positive	Pending	Deaths
Alpena	68	54	0	14	0
Cheboygan	76	48	10	18	1
Montmorency	24	17	0	7	0
Presque Isle	24	17	1	6	0
Total	192	136	11	45	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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