

District Health Department No. 4

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COVID-19 Cases Rising in Cheboygan County

District Health Department No. 4 (DHD4) would like to make residents aware of the recent spike of COVID-19 cases being reported out of Cheboygan County. Several different outbreaks, defined as two or more cases that can be linked together, have been identified, impacting local schools and other areas of the county, as well as neighboring counties. In the past two weeks, we have seen the sliding 7-day average for positivity rate more than quadruple, from less than 1% on February 6th to 4% on February 20th. During the same two week period, Cheboygan County has seen an increase of 42 total cases. This mid-week's report indicates another 41 total cases have been reported since Monday, February 22nd.

“With similar spikes occurring in other areas of the State, now is an opportune time to remind residents how easily COVID-19 spreads and stress the importance of remaining vigilant in the fight against COVID-19” states DHD4 Health Officer Denise Bryan. Bryan continues, “testing remains critically important to tracking and stopping further spread of COVID-19 in our local communities.” Residents can find COVID-19 test sites in their communities at [Michigan.gov/CoronavirusTest](https://www.michigan.gov/CoronavirusTest).

While we are all hopeful that the vaccine is the beginning of the end of this pandemic, now is not the time to let our guards down. The reality is COVID-19 remains prevalent across MI and the DHD4 jurisdiction. While it seems like old news, DHD4 continues to disseminate the latest COVID-19 quarantine and isolation information to the community to boost awareness and stress the importance of prevention. Everyone must continue to do their part to prevent the spread of this virus; wear your mask, avoid large gatherings, ventilate indoor space, socially distance, wash your hands often, and get vaccinated when it is your turn.

For more information on COVID-19, visit the DHD4 COVID-19 web site at www.dhd4.org/COVID19 or the State of Michigan's website at www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

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