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Muskegon County COVID-19 Cases Trending Upwards

Health Officials urge residents to do their part to slow the spread

MUSKEGON, MI –COVID-19 cases have rapidly increased in across Muskegon County in October and November. Public Health – Muskegon County (PHMC) has shifted much of its case investigation and contact tracing process to meet the increased demand.

Public Health – Muskegon County will focus our efforts on case investigation of people 22 years of age and younger, contact tracing in long term care facilities (LTC), hospitals, and schools, as well as clusters identified as high priority, such as high risk congregate settings.

Because of the overwhelming number of COVID-19 cases across the state, there may be a delay in contacting someone who tests positive for the virus or has been in close contact to someone who has COVID-19. Please take the call or return messages if someone contacts you about testing positive or possibly being exposed to COVID-19.

Individuals notified they are positive need to follow these guidelines:

- [Isolate](#) for 10 days; if symptoms improve and you are fever free without the use of medications, it is ok to return to normal activities.
- Notify all of your close contacts
- Close contacts need to [self-quarantine](#) for 14 days from their last contact to you while you were considered contagious and monitor for symptoms.
- If symptoms arise, get tested.

“Don’t wait,” said PHMC Health Officer Kathy Moore. “If you are notified that you have COVID-19, start isolating and tell your close contact so they can quarantine. It is only by taking responsibility and working together that we can slow the spread of COVID-19 in Muskegon County.”

Information about this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus. Local information can be found at www.muskegonhealth.net.

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