



Central Michigan District Health Department

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PRESS RELEASE FOR LOCAL MEDIA

To: Local News Media

From: Central Michigan District Health Department

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Possible Exposure in Isabella County

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Eight individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 reported attending a sand bar party at Littlefield Lake on July 4, 2020 and then an after-party at a private residence, ending on July 5, 2020. During the case investigations conducted by the Central Michigan District Health Department it was determined that numerous individuals may have been exposed to COVID-19 during these events. Additional cases could be seen in the coming days.

If you were at the sand bar party at Littlefield Lake or the private after-party that followed on July 4, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – July 5, 2020 3:00 a.m., you should monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild to severe. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Call your physician if you think you are developing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 described below. You can also find testing locations at www.mi.gov/coronavirustest or by calling 2-1-1.

People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell

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- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

“We are seeing increases in new cases and new outbreaks of COVID-19”, says Dr. Jennifer Morse, Medical Director for Central Michigan District Health Department. “This is a sobering reminder that this pandemic is far from being over and could overwhelm us again at any time. It is more important than ever to take the only steps we have to keep COVID-19 from getting worse. That includes staying home when ill, avoiding crowded areas, keeping at least 6 feet apart from others, wearing a mask when in public, covering coughs and sneezes, and frequent hand washing.”

Stay current on coronavirus information at <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>, www.cdc.gov/coronavirus or <https://www.cmdhd.org/novel-coronavirus>. Central Michigan District Health Department has set up a Coronavirus message center. After hours, please call 989-773-5921 extension 1444 if you have any questions, leaving your name, phone number and county of residence. Staff will return calls as soon as possible.

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