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**St. Clair County Health Department Working on
Preparedness and Response Planning for 2019 Novel Coronavirus**

The St. Clair County Health Department has been diligently working on preparedness and response planning against the 2019 Novel Coronavirus and is carefully monitoring the situation at a local level. The St. Clair County Health Department would like to reassure the public that we have been communicating with partners such as border officials, Canadian counterparts, healthcare providers, emergency management, as well as frequent meetings and calls with other state and national officials.

Michigan, including St. Clair County, has no reported cases at this time. As of 1/31/2020, the CDC is reporting 6 confirmed cases nationwide, therefore the immediate health risk to the American public remains low. It is important to seek accurate information from credible sources. Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

To prevent the spread of viruses such as the flu, common cold and coronavirus:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If not available, use hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing
- Avoid contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, stay home; avoid contact with others

We will provide local updates as needed. Visit www.cdc.gov, www.michigan.gov or www.scchealth.co for more information.

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