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Possible COVID-19 Exposure in Local Food Service Establishment

The St. Clair County Health Department has been notified of a confirmed COVID-19 case in an employee from a local food service establishment. The management of the River Crab in St. Clair is working very closely with health department officials. River Crab has COVID-19 procedures in place including daily employee health screenings and required masking throughout the facility. The establishment has followed all required protocols and will remain open at this time. Employees who worked closely with the case have been quarantined. This is an important reminder that even with the recommended safeguards in place, any social gathering can pose a risk for transmission of the virus.

Patrons who visited the restaurant located at 1337 River Road (M-29), St. Clair, Michigan on July 5, 6, 7 or 8, 2020 may have been exposed and are encouraged to self-monitor for symptoms over the next 14 days and seek testing if becoming symptomatic with the following: fatigue, cough, fever, chills, shortness of breath, muscle aches, headaches, nausea or vomiting, congestion, sore throat, diarrhea, and abdominal pain.

Take extra precautions to avoid transmitting the virus to others. Individuals may be able to spread the disease for up to 48 hours priors to symptoms and some may remain asymptomatic.

The virus spreads through respiratory droplets between people who are in close contact with one another. This generally occurs when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. The best way to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect others includes:

- Wearing a mask or face covering when in public spaces
- Practicing social distancing- 6 feet or more away from others
- Avoiding large gatherings
- Staying home when you are sick
- Monitoring for signs and symptoms (listed above)

For more information on testing locations, visit https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

General questions can be directed to the St. Clair County COVID-19 Informational Hotline (810) 966-4163 or email covid19@stclaircounty.org. COVID-19 information is also available on the health department website www.scchealth.co or follow us on social media @scchdmi. **#END#**