Central Michigan
District Health Department
Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities

Jennifer Morse, MD, MPH, FAAFP
Medical Director

Steve Hall, RS, MS
Health Officer

PRESS RELEASE FOR LOCAL MEDIA

To: Local News Media

From: Central Michigan District Health Department

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases

Release Date: March 22, 2020

The Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) continues to conduct disease surveillance and investigations related to notification of positive results of COVID-19 received through private laboratories, healthcare providers and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. CMDHD will continue to contact those who have been in close contact with the patients and they will be assessed for symptoms and monitored appropriately.

As of 2:00 p.m. on March 22, 2020, CMDHD has been notified of positive results in the following counties:

County	Positive (confirmed) cases via lab results
Arenac	0
Clare	1
Gladwin	1
Isabella	0
Osceola	0
Roscommon	1

"We will continue to see more and more confirmed and suspected cases of COVID-19 in our area" says Dr. Jennifer Morse, Medical Director for Central Michigan District Health Department. "Just 12 days ago, the first case of COVID-19 in Michigan was identified and as of 2:00 p.m. on March 22, 2020, a total of 1,035 cases have been confirmed in our state. Continuing to practice proven control measures such as hand washing, avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth, avoiding close contact with others, staying home if feeling sick, covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily, are extremely

important to slow the spread of this illness." "It's also important to practice social distancing (keep at least six feet between yourself and others)," states Steve Hall, Health Officer for Central Michigan District Health Department.

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice. An automated self-checker is available to help you make decisions and seek appropriate medical care at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html. Those most at-risk include older adults and those with chronic medical conditions, like heart or lung disease or diabetes.

Stay current on coronavirus information at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus; www.michigan.gov/coronavirus or https://www.cmdhd.org/novel-coronavirus.

In addition, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has a hotline number that Michigan residents can call to ask questions about COVID-19. The number is 1-888-535-6136 and is available seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Residents can also send an email to: COVID19@michigan.gov. Emails will be answered seven days a week between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

This article has been brought to you by Central Michigan District Health Department, which serves the counties of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola and Roscommon. Visit our website at www.cmdhd.org, LIKE Central Michigan District Health Department on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @CMiDHD.

###

To request an interview, please visit our website (cmdhd.org) and fill out the Media Interview Request Form.

No in-person interviews are being given at this time by Central Michigan District Health Department.