



Central Michigan District Health Department

Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities



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PRESS RELEASE FOR LOCAL MEDIA

To: Local News Media

From: Central Michigan District Health Department

RE: Third Death from COVID-19 in Jurisdiction

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The Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) received notification this morning of the third death in the health department's jurisdiction attributed to COVID-19. The individual was a middle-aged female from Clare County who passed away at home earlier this week. Lab results were received today, April 10, 2020, indicating that this individual was positive for COVID-19. This is the first death in Clare County that has been identified as being associated with COVID-19.

"We wish to express our heartfelt sympathies to the family who have lost their loved one," said Steve Hall, Health Officer at CMDHD. "This is yet another reminder of how serious a threat COVID-19 is to our community. It's crucial for residents to be aware of the virus and the efforts necessary to prevent its spread."

As positive case numbers continue to rise, we want to remind all of our residents to take the appropriate precautions. Strong community mitigation and prevention measures are already in place and we urge residents to continue to follow recommendations:

- Stay at home. Do not leave home except for essential tasks such as getting groceries or seeking medical care.
- If you must go out, stay at least 6 feet away from others and avoid any gatherings. Also, please wear a face covering. A face covering is any well-secured cloth (like a bandana or scarf) that covers your mouth and nose.
- Wash your hands frequently for at least twenty seconds.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Disinfect commonly touched surfaces.
- Check on others. Call your loved ones and neighbors who are most at risk and see how they are doing. If they require something essential, see how you can help.

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 Monday - Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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