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SUBJECT: Traveling to the U.P. and COVID-19

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Marquette County Health Department (MCHD) is strongly urging individuals to limit travel to the Upper Peninsula. Michigan's Executive Order 2020-42 prohibits non-essential travel within Michigan, but does not require quarantine for those traveling between regions or upon entering the state, as other states have. To provide additional safeguards against the spread of COVID-19 within the community, MCHD asks that those traveling to the U.P. quarantine at home or elsewhere for fourteen (14) days from the time of arrival. To self-quarantine means you stay in place for fourteen (14) days and limit your travel within the community to only that which is absolutely necessary. It is recommended that you bring essential items, such as food, with you to avoid initial travel within the community upon arrival.

While the Upper Peninsula does not have the high number of positive cases found in other areas, COVID-19 is present within the communities of the U.P. Even if you are not ill you may be carrying the COVID-19 virus and may spread it to others.

The Marquette County Health Department (MCHD) continues to strongly advise all members of the public to adhere to social distancing, stay home/stay safe, and specific hygiene recommendations in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. All individuals should be wearing a mask when in public.

For more information and specific recommendations regarding COVID-19, please visit www.mqthealth.org and www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

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