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PRESS RELEASE

TO: Marquette County Media

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SUBJECT: **HEALTH DEPARTMENT REMINDS THE COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE SAFE PRACTICES**

Our community has worked hard to contribute to the low incidences of COVID-19 in Marquette County and throughout the U.P. Under Executive Order 2020-115, we are no longer required to stay home. With that in mind, we understand many people are eager to go places and gather with friends and family. It is important to remember that while outside of our homes, each of us is personally responsible to minimize the risk of further infection and ensure the health system capacity is not overburdened.

Even if you do not have symptoms, you could still be a carrier of the virus. Public gatherings increase the likelihood of infection. Please protect others, especially those who are at a higher risk of severe complications from the disease.

Our actions make a difference. We can prevent a second wave of infection in our community by continuing with physical distancing, wearing a face cover in public when we are unable to maintain a minimum of six feet from non-household members, and practicing frequent hand washing and disinfecting.

If you are feeling sick, please stay home. Individuals with symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath are encouraged to contact their provider by phone to explore testing options.

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