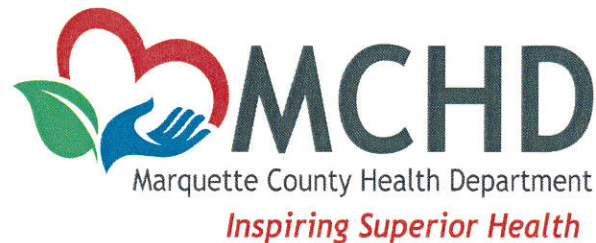


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PRESS RELEASE

TO: Marquette County Media

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DATE: July 17, 2020

SUBJECT: **COVID-19 Outbreak McCarty's Cove Beach Marquette.**

The Marquette County Health Department (MCHD) has become aware through contact tracing efforts, that there have been two confirmed cases of COVID-19 among those who attended the McCarty's Cove beach gathering on the 4th of July weekend.

To be cautious MCHD is recommending that anyone who attended the beach gathering at McCarty's Cove on the 4th of July weekend monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 and contact your medical provider should you become symptomatic.

This event demonstrates the fact that outdoor social gatherings, even among asymptomatic young people, can cause community transmission of COVID-19.

Testing information can be found on the Marquette County Health Department website at mqthealth.org.

As always, MCHD continues to recommend adhering to all social distancing and hygienic practices needed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 including wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing whenever you are around people in public whether inside or outside of building. Avoid physical contact with others and don't share items such as water bottles or cell phones.

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