PRESS RELEASE

TO: All Marquette County Media
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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Case Reporting

At the time of this press release, the number of individuals currently diagnosed as positive with COVID-19 illness within Marquette County is five. With additional potential cases being evaluated each day, this number is expected to rise.

The current count of positive COVID-19 cases within Marquette County can be found by following the associated link at www.mqthealth.org. COVID-19 case information on the associated website remains current and is updated daily. From this point forward the Marquette County Health Department will no longer be reporting individual cases to the media. All current case count information and be retrieved through www.mqthealth.org.

Based upon the occurrence of COVID-19 positive cases within Marquette County, and throughout Michigan, it can be assumed that COVID-19 is present within your community.

MCHD recommends adhering to the following precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within your community:

- Stay home and avoid close contact with others.
- If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you might have it, the CDC currently recommends that “people who are mildly ill with COVID-19 are able to recover at home. Do not leave, except to get medical care. Do not visit public areas.” Additional information is available at; https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html
- If symptoms worsen, avoid others and seek medical care from your healthcare provider to determine if medical evaluation and testing is recommended.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow or clean tissue.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces.
- Cancel meetings and any gatherings of 10 people or more and do not attend.

For current COVID-19 information, please visit our website at www.mqthealth.org, or call 1-888-535-6136. If you believe you may have been exposed or are ill, call (906) 475-9977.

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