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Iosco County COVID-19 Cases and Fatalities Update

District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) would like to take this opportunity to update local residents on the status of COVID-19 cases and fatalities in Iosco County. As of May 1, 2020, there are 51 COVID-19 positive cases. Of those, 45 are traced back to long term care facilities, with the majority being tied to one facility. In addition, we are saddened to report three (3) additional deaths related to long-term care in Iosco County, bringing the total to seven (7) for the county. DHD2 and the community grieves the loss of these lives and condolences are being sent to family and friends.

DHD2 remains committed to ensuring facilities have access to the support and resources they need to care for their highly vulnerable populations. Also, DHD2 would like to reinforce that even though the largest number of cases are related to long-term care facilities, COVID-19 is present in the community and all residents must remain diligent to control the spread. Out of the total number of cases for Iosco County, there are three (3) that have not had their source of exposure clearly identified, leading to likely community spread.

In addition, DHD2 continues to urge residents to follow the Governor's stay at home order and the following guidelines.

- Please limit public gatherings and only leave home for essential needs and as infrequently as possible
- Limit the number of individuals who leave your home (designate one person to get groceries, pick-up medicine, etc.)
- If you do have to go out, wear a face covering, stay at least 6 feet apart, and avoid gatherings
- When recreating outdoors, maintain social distancing and do not congregate
- Wash your hands frequently for at least twenty seconds
- Avoid touching your face
- Disinfect commonly touched surfaces
- Check on others – by calling loved ones and neighbors who are most at risk to see how they are doing and if they need help

Recently, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has made available positive COVID-19 case count information by long term care facility. The information in the Michigan Cumulative Data section of the Michigan COVID-19 webpage at www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.