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SAGINAW COUNTY ANNOUNCES SECOND POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE

(SAGINAW) - The Saginaw County Health Department (SCHD) has been informed of a positive COVID-19 case in a woman in her nineties. The patient is current hospitalized at a local health care facility. SCHD will be contacting those who have been in close contact with the patient and they will be assessed for symptoms and monitored appropriately.

To date, 60 Saginaw residents have been tested for COVID-19. There are 23 negative results, 2 positive results, and 35 results are still pending.

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice. An automated self-checker is available to help you make decisions and seek appropriate medical care at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html. Those most at-risk include older adults and those with chronic medical conditions, like heart or lung disease or diabetes. "As this situation continues to rapidly evolve, we ask all of our residents to take the appropriate precautions. We must all be responsible to help reduce the spread of COVID-19", says Christina Harrington, Health Officer for SCHD. Precautions include washing hands frequently for at least twenty seconds, covering coughs and sneezes, staying home when sick, avoiding touching your face, avoiding those who are sick and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces. It is also important to practice social distancing by keeping at least six feet between yourself and others.

Check reputable online sources such as <u>www.cdc.gov/COVID-19</u>, <u>www.michigan.gov/coronavirus</u>, or <u>www.saginawpublichealth.org</u> for current national, state, and local information.

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