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COVID-19 Daily Update: March 27, 2020

Coldwater, MI – The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency (BHSJCHA) is moving toward a daily notification model to local media. This is necessary as the number of positive cases begins to increase within the 3-county service district.

Counts by County

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<td># of Positive Cases</td>
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*Cases in Lakeland Correctional Facility

BHSJCHA will no longer report pending cases or the number individuals tested due to the unknown number of individuals being tested by private labs.

Total cases statewide as of 3 pm today are 3,657 with 92 deaths attributed to COVID-19.

Employers with essential workers are encouraged to use best practices with their employees to ensure that they are not working sick. BHSJCHA has materials that employers can use with their employees on our website at:


BHSJCHA is asking anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 to self-isolate for 14 days to avoid potentially exposing others. And for individuals that have been in contact with someone who
has COVID-19, to self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor themselves for fever, cough, and shortness of breath. COVID-19 symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, people should:

- **Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives**, in compliance with Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order
- Wash their hands
- Stay home when sick
- Avoid close contact with sick people
- Avoid touching their face
- Disinfect commonly touched surfaces
- When you must go out for groceries and other necessary supplies; only those people absolutely needed for the task should go, others should stay home.
- Keep six feet between yourself and others
- Work from home if you are a non-essential worker

People who are concerned that they may have COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider and **call ahead** before visiting any healthcare facility. Mildly ill people are encouraged to stay home and contact their healthcare provider by phone for guidance. If you feel well, you do not need to be tested. Testing is determined based on risk assessment.

Information about the COVID-19 situation locally, and in Michigan is rapidly changing. For more information, visit [www.bhsj.org](http://www.bhsj.org).

The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency is committed to promoting wellness, preventing disease, providing health care, and protecting the environment. For additional information, contact your local health department office or visit [www.bhsj.org](http://www.bhsj.org) and follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BHSJCHA](http://www.facebook.com/BHSJCHA).

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