



COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR



St. Clair County Joint Information Center Media Release

Information **Advisory** **Warning** **Update**

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St. Clair County – COVID-19 Daily Media Update #1

Daily updates on St. Clair County COVID-19 information. As of 3-19-20 at 4:00pm, St. Clair County has a cumulative total of 7 confirmed positive cases reported to the St. Clair County Health Department.

- #1 – 61 year old male, no travel, recovering at home
- #2 – 41 y/o female, no travel, recovering at home
- #3 – 41 y/o female, no travel, hospitalized
- #4 - 50 y/o male, international travel, recovering at home
- #5- 72 y/o male, no travel, recovering at home
- Two cases were previously reported in a previous media release
- The Health Department is monitoring 55 people under investigation, along with 80 of their contacts.
- All contacts of confirmed positives are monitored by St. Clair County Health Department staff.

Dr. Annette Mercatante, Medical Health Officer at the St. Clair County Health Department stated



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“We do, in fact, have community transmission at this time. People who feel well do not need testing. If there is contact to a positive COVID case, our staff will evaluate the situation and determine if contacts need testing. We are trying to preserve testing for those who need medical care, who are most vulnerable, and those that are critical to our epidemiological investigation. Most people will have mild symptoms and recover without event, but the elderly and people with chronic disease do need to avoid contact with people.” In addition, “Regardless if people are tested or not, they should stay home. All sick people should stay home, whether they have been tested or not. Those with life threatening situations should call 911. Individuals who need to go out for their medications, food/supplies, or those who still need to go work, all need to be mindful on social distancing, practicing good hand hygiene, wiping down high-touch surfaces and other preventive measures.”

Justin Westmiller, Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management stated: “The EOC continues to ensure full operations for the health and wellbeing of our community as we work through this unprecedented event.”

For further COVID-19 information visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus); [Michigan.gov/coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus); or [scchealth.co](https://www.scchealth.co). Follow the Health Department on social media @ [schdmi](https://twitter.com/schdmi). A general COVID-19 Informational Hotline is available Monday through Friday, (810) 966-4163, 8:00am-4:30pm or email questions to covid19@stclaircounty.org. The State of Michigan hotline is 1-888-535-6136.

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