

COVID-19 UPDATE



MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: April 17, 2020 **TIME:** 2:30pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Michaluk, PIO/Media Spokesperson
Joint Information Center
(810) 662-8246
publicrelation@stclaircounty.org

St. Clair County – COVID-19 Update #30 A New Data Reporting Process

Interpreting data can be difficult to understand and confusing. COVID-19 data is constantly evolving and will change daily dependent of time and date it is collected. Therefore, the daily reports that began earlier this week have since been reevaluated. Information is now updated and will include different graphs that will work towards eliminating confusion on data interpretation.

Starting today, this information will be reported on a daily basis:

- Percentage of available hospital beds;
- Percentage of hospital beds currently being used for COVID-19 patients;
- Total number of hospitalized patients;
- The number of new cases since last update;
- The total number of cases to date;
- The total number of deaths;
- The total number of those recovered

Due to the data reporting system limitations; a weekly update will be provided on testing information. As of April 15, 2020:

- The total number of COVID-19 tests administered; 1,125 tests completed
- Percentage of positive tests; 22.3% positivity rate
- Percentage of negative tests; 77.7% negative rate

Furthermore, on all the reports being distributed, this statement will also be included: This report is subject to change. As COVID-19 disease investigations continue, there will be corrections to the status and details of cases that will result in changes to the report.

COVID-19 Resources:

- St. Clair County COVID-19 Informational Hotline (810) 966-4163, Monday – Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm or e-mail questions, covid19@stclaircounty.org
- MDHHS Hotline 1-888-535-6136, 8:00am - 5:00pm daily, 7-days a week or e-mail questions, COVID19@michigan.gov
- St. Clair County Community Mental Health COVID-19 Support Line (810) 985-8900; Text (810) 956-6335; Email: covid19support@scccmh.org Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
- St. Clair County information www.scchealth.co or social media @scchdmi
- Michigan information www.michigan.gov/coronavirus
- National information www.cdc.gov/COVID19

##END##