

COVID-19 UPDATE



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St. Clair County – COVID-19 Daily Update #8

Michigan & St. Clair County Confirmed Cases:

Michigan: 2,856 confirmed COVID-19 cases; 60 deaths.

St. Clair County: (13) confirmed COVID-19 cases; three additional cases:

- 78 y/o female; hospitalized
- 39 y/o female; hospitalized
- 54 y/o female; recovering at home

Upcoming changes:

Beginning March 27, the Health Department will report only on the total number of St. Clair County confirmed cases. Individual case information is not significant as community spread can be assumed. Weekend updates will be posted in a new video format and shared on social media. Follow us @scchdmi.

Communication update:

Dr. Annette Mercatante, Medical Health Officer at the St. Clair County Health Department stated, "The message has not changed; stay home, stay safe and don't go out unless absolutely necessary. If you do have to go out, take the necessary precautions; stay six feet away from others, wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your face, cover your cough, and other prevention tips. If we all make this a priority, we will keep our hospitals, first responders and front line staff safe. This is a temporary inconvenience and with everyone's help we will get through it together."

Deb Johnson, Executive Director at St. Clair County Community Mental Health, reminds residents to stay connected and avoid isolation as we shelter in place. "We are free to go outside so long as we exercise social distancing. There is no reason to stay indoors every day. Stay connected with family, friends, and love ones by phone, text and email. Like you, they probably need someone they trust that they can talk to about their concerns and feelings. If you are having extreme difficulty or are in crisis, call the CMH Access Line at 888-225-4447 or the Mobile Crisis Unit, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 810-966-2575."

The St. Clair County Emergency Operations Center functions as a centralized coordination of emergency resources to provide overall policy and guidance for strategic objectives related to the COVID-19 situation. Follow reputable sources: [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus); [michigan.gov/coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus); or [scchealth.co](https://www.scchealth.co). A general St. Clair County COVID-19 Informational Hotline, (810) 966-4163, is available Monday through Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm or email questions to covid19@stclaircounty.org. The State of Michigan hotline is 1-888-535-6136 and is operational daily 8:00am – 5:00pm or email questions to COVID19@michigan.gov.

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