Immediate Release

The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department Advising Significant Increase in Local Cases

Kingsford and Iron River, Michigan – The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department has been monitoring COVID-19 cases within our community since the beginning of this pandemic. The results of positive cases are posted on our Facebook page every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The number of positive cases has increased significantly, since July 1, 2020 the department has received ten new cases, nine in Dickinson County and one in Iron County. Of those ten cases, six cases were from people who were asymptomatic. Asymptomatic cases are a concern as people do not exhibit symptom but can be spreading the disease without knowing.

The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department advises the business community to remain vigilant by requiring their employees and the public to wear facial coverings and enforce social distancing requirements within their facilities. The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department has made available all necessary information to local businesses and residents regarding the importance of these preventative measures. It is now up to community leaders and residents to do their part for our community before COVID-19 cases overwhelm our local health care systems. Region 8, the Upper Peninsula, has been updated from a low-risk area to a medium risk area according to the MI Safe Start Map Dashboard that can be found at [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus).

The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department cannot control this virus from being present in our community, only you can. Please do your part by avoiding large gatherings, adhering to the social distancing requirements, wearing a facial covering and practicing good personal hygiene.

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