

COVID-19 UPDATE



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St. Clair County – COVID-19 Daily Update #13

Michigan Confirmed Cases: 7,615 confirmed COVID-19 cases; 259 deaths.

St. Clair County Confirmed Cases: 31 confirmed COVID-19 cases; of those 5 have recovered;
1 death (out-of-county resident)

The most vital step community members can take is to follow social distancing orders to slow the surge, or “flatten the curve”. Over the next few weeks, many communities, likely including our own, will see an increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases. Current estimates show that 98% of people who contract COVID-19 will recover with only mild or moderate symptoms. However, it is the responsibility of everyone to stay at home unless essential for you to leave so that we can keep everyone in our community safe, especially those who are at high risk.

As we prepare for a surge of patients that may exceed our hospital’s capacity, Dr. Annette Mercatante, Medical Health Officer, St. Clair County Health Department stated, “We are in continuous contact with our local health care providers, hospitals, and other agencies that service the public and/or at-risk populations to ensure they are following proper PPE guidelines based on resource availability and revised CDC guidelines for this unprecedented event. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is also following up on all complaints related to PPE usage.”

If you are struggling with burnout, anxiety, depression or feeling overwhelmed, call the new St. Clair County Community Mental Health COVID-19 Support Line, available Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm. The Support Line is free, confidential and available to anyone in St. Clair County. If you need someone to talk to during this difficult time, call 810-985-8900 and ask for the Support Line. Your call will be answered by a trained, licensed mental health professional.

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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