

# COVID-19 UPDATE



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## Media Release- Update #17 First St. Clair County Deaths Linked to COVID-19 Reported

The St. Clair County Health Department received notification of the first two county deaths attributed to COVID-19.

One individual, an older male, with previous underlying health conditions, passed away April 3, 2020. No further details have been released.

A second individual was a female patient at McLaren Port Huron who tested positive for COVID-19 April 3, after passing away March 30. The patient was in her 80s and had underlying health conditions prior to contracting the virus.

“Our health care professionals work tirelessly to care for all patients, and we are always deeply saddened by the loss of any patient. During this health care crisis, we extend our sympathy to this patient’s family and to other families who are suffering the loss of a loved one due to coronavirus,” says Jennifer Montgomery, president and CEO, McLaren Port Huron. “We encourage everyone to adhere to CDC guidelines to help slow the spread of this highly contagious disease,” she added.

“Our thoughts go out to the families as we begin to grieve for those lost due to COVID-19,” said Dr. Annette Mercatante, Medical Health Officer, St. Clair County Health Department. “These first deaths remind us all to do what we can to stay home, stay healthy, and protect ourselves and those around us. We are grateful to everyone who continues to follow social distancing, quarantine, and isolation guidelines to protect the health of the community.”

## Resources:

- St. Clair County COVID-19 Informational Hotline (810) 966-4163, Monday – Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm; or e-mail questions: [covid19@stclaircounty.org](mailto: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](mailto:COVID19@michigan.gov)
- St. Clair County Community Mental Health COVID-19 Support Line (810) 985-8900; text (810) 956-6335; or email: [covid19support@scccmh.org](mailto:covid19support@scccmh.org) Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
- St. Clair County information [www.scchealth.co](http://www.scchealth.co) or social media @scchdmi
- Michigan information [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus)
- National information [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

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