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Possible COVID-19 Exposure in Local Food Service Establishment Reminder- Social Gatherings May Pose a Risk for Virus Transmission

The St. Clair County Health Department has been notified of a confirmed COVID-19 case in an employee from a local food service establishment. Patrons who visited Pepper Joe's, 119 Clinton Avenue, St. Clair, MI, on August 21 and 22, 2020 may have been exposed and are encouraged to self-monitor for symptoms over the next 14 days and seek testing if becoming symptomatic with any of the following: fatigue, cough, fever or chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, muscle or body aches, headache, nausea or vomiting, congestion or runny nose, sore throat, or diarrhea.

Take extra precautions to avoid transmitting the virus to others. Individuals may be able to spread the disease for up to 48 hours prior to symptoms and some may remain asymptomatic.

The management of Pepper Joe's is working with health department officials. The establishment is in compliance with COVID-19 protocols and will remain open at this time.

The virus spreads through respiratory droplets between people who are in close contact with one another. This generally occurs when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. The best way to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect others includes:

- Wearing a mask or face covering when in public spaces
- Practicing social distancing- 6 feet or more away from others
- Avoiding large gatherings
- Staying home when you are sick
- Monitoring for signs and symptoms (listed above)

For more information on testing locations, visit <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>.

General questions can be directed to the St. Clair County COVID-19 Informational Hotline (810) 966-4163 or email covid19@stclaircounty.org. COVID-19 information is also available on the health department website www.scchealth.co or follow us on social media @scchdmi.

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