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Western Upper Peninsula Health Department Reports Incorrect Information on State of Michigan Website for Ontonagon County

Ontonagon County -- The Western Upper Peninsula Health Department (WUPHD) reports that the state COVID-19 reporting website is incorrectly reporting a presumed positive in Ontonagon County. The case appears to be a person tested by a facility in South East Michigan. The health department is working with the state lab to verify this person's correct address of record.

No additional testing statistics will be available for today.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, people should:

- Stay home if they are sick
- Wash their hands frequently
- Avoid close contact with sick people
- Disinfect commonly touched surfaces
- Avoid touching your face; avoid shaking hands
- Follow suggested guidelines for social distancing

WUPHD is working to coordinate their response with federal, state, and local officials, as well as healthcare professionals, institutions, schools and community organizations. For more information, please contact the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department at (906) 482-7382. Updates are also available at <u>www.wuphd.org</u>.

A local COVID-19 informational call line is available Monday through Friday, from 8 AM EST to 4 PM EST at (906) 487-5545. There is a State informational hotline available from 8 AM EST to 5 PM EST seven days per week. That number is 1-888-535-6136. Additional information on COVID-19 can be found on the MDHHS website (www.michigan.gov/coronavirus), or the CDC website (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/).

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