

## **“Pause... Protect Yourself, Protect the Island”**

Please take advantage of the latest [Michigan Pause Order](#) to recommit to doing all you can to protect yourself and your Island community from the spread of Covid-19.

**UPDATE ON RECENT COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE:** A hunter spent a couple of days on the Island, started experiencing symptoms, left the Island and was tested, resulting in a Covid-19 positive result. This hunter made immediate contact to persons with whom he came into contact and notified the local restaurant and bar where he had visited. The restaurant owners pursued advice from the health department, contacted those persons known to have been in the business at the same time as the hunter and temporarily closed their business in an abundance of caution to assess the situation. Beaver Island Rural Health Center would like people to know that *if you come into close contact with someone who tests positive, or you think you may have been exposed, you should quarantine for 5 days from potential exposure and then get tested.* BIRHC has plenty of test kits and the results are typically returned within 2 days.

**Link to Health Department of Northwest Michigan:** <http://www.nwhealth.org/covid19.html> This site has useful up to date information and resources. This site is updated daily.

**Michigan DHHS Epidemic Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253,** enacts a three-week pause of certain activities and takes effect on November 18, 2020 at 12:01 AM, and remains in effect through December 8, 2020 at 11:59 PM. Specific requirements of the Emergency Order can be found on this infographic from the State: [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/Pause to Save Lives 707804 7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/Pause_to_Save_Lives_707804_7.pdf).

### **On Beaver Island the following things will happen:**

- ♣ Township board meetings and committee meetings will be held remotely; check websites for specific information that directs citizens to attend remotely.
- ♣ Township buildings will be closed to the general public and some employees will be working from home; check township websites for contact information for officials and employees.
- ♣ Retail stores remain open and are counting on customers to follow all safety protocols.
- ♣ Restaurants and Bars will be open for curb-side service; check the website or social media of each business for details

**If you are sick, have been around someone who has tested positive, or are awaiting Covid-19 test results yourself, do not travel to Beaver Island. If you are already on Beaver Island when these situations arise, take every precaution to quarantine yourself from others and contact health officials.**

### **These are still the best guidelines for limiting the spread of the virus:**

- Limit your interaction with others as much as possible.
- Wear a Mask.
- Respect Social Distancing and Avoid Gatherings
- Wash your Hands.
- Monitor your Health. Pay attention for COVID-19 symptoms: Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath

As of November 17, 2020, the Beaver Island Rural Health Center is reporting that 226 patients have been tested for COVID-19: 218 have come back negative and 2 are pending; 6 have come back positive, 4 of whom were a family in August. If a result comes back positive, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's communicable disease team is notified.

For updated information click on the "Coronavirus 19" Link on either township's homepage [peainetwp.org](http://peainetwp.org) or [stjamestwp.org](http://stjamestwp.org)