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### **SANILAC COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT/SANILAC MEDICAL CARE FACILITY**

Sanilac County Health Department and Sanilac Medical Care Facility are currently investigating a CoVid19 outbreak within the Sanilac Medical Care Facility. Sanilac Medical Care Facility is working very diligently, tracking the cases and mobilizing resources, to care for those effected by the Coronavirus and protecting those individuals from contracting the contagion.

Currently, the facility is reporting multiple positives as of late Sunday evening. Residents and staff are tested frequently, so that the facility can monitor and control the spread of the virus, as well as providing strict infection control practices to stop the spread. Patients are placed into isolation areas for their protection, and the facility continues to monitor everyone for signs and symptoms. Overall, SMCF has managed the virus very well, with no positive cases from the beginning of the pandemic until recently. This is a good reminder to everyone that this virus is highly transmissible and can easily effect everyone, including your family and coworkers. The facilities medical team is working with the health department staff, to manage the cases and provide all the necessary support, in an effort to provide the highest degree of protection to this highly vulnerable population.

SCHD reminds everyone that mitigation and prevention measures are the only tool we have to stop the CoVid19 virus spread. We have to do this as individuals and as a community. It is up to each of us to protect each other by social distancing, wearing a mask and washing our hands frequently. We will just prolong this Pandemic if we do not act responsibly. Dr Hamed, Medical Director, Sanilac County Health Department, emphasizes, "There is no known cure or vaccine for CoVid yet. Our best tool against CovVid is going to be prevention of transmission using the measures that we know have proven to work. We cannot let CoVid fatigue set in. We have done very well as a community so far; we need to keep it up to keep everybody safe. We all need to do our part to save lives!"

For additional guidance, visit our web site at [www.sanilachealth.com](http://www.sanilachealth.com). Everyone should be practicing social distancing and wearing a mask. Our area is experiencing community spread with positive cases overall rising by 20 cases over the last 7 days. If symptomatic, get tested and quarantine yourself to stop the spread. Everyone needs to take precautions, practice prevention, and assume potential exposure in public locations.

For current national, state and local information, check reputable online sources: [www.cdc.gov/COVID-19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID-19), [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus), or [www.sanilachealth.com](http://www.sanilachealth.com).

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