



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Shiawassee County Notified of 3 Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Cases**

Shiawassee County Health Department has been notified of three confirmed COVID-19 cases, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to five. All five cases are adult males. The Shiawassee County Health Department will inform people who have been in close contact with these individuals. The state of Michigan has reported 4,650 confirmed cases and 111 deaths.

While this increase in cases may cause concern for residents of Shiawassee County, it is important to note the number of patients who test positive for COVID-19 relates to increased testing results. Memorial Healthcare recently began on-site testing through its own laboratory, which allows for test results within 48 hours.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, people should wash their hands, stay home when they are sick, avoid close contact with sick people, disinfect commonly touched surfaces, and practice social distancing. Testing for COVID-19 will be determined based on risk assessment.

The Memorial Healthcare Alternate Care Site will remain open on a walk-in basis from 7AM to 7PM for mild to moderate flu-like symptoms at 826 W. King St. Owassee, MI, 48867. For those with severe symptoms, county residents should call 9-1-1 or proceed to the emergency department. We ask that you call the Memorial Healthcare emergency department at (989) 723-5211 before your arrival if possible.

Updates will be provided as information is made available. Please check the Shiawassee County Health Department Facebook page or [health.shiawassee.net](http://health.shiawassee.net) for more information. A local hotline is available at 989-743-2460, Monday-Friday from 9AM-4PM to answer health questions or concerns and help community residents with basic needs.

Visit [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus), [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov), or [health.shiawassee.net](http://health.shiawassee.net) for more information.

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