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The Lapeer County Health Department has been informed by the Michigan Department of Corrections (DOC) that an employee at the Thumb Correctional Facility in Lapeer has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is **not** a Lapeer County resident.

We understand many in the community are concerned about the spread of COVID-19. The DOC has identified close contacts. Lapeer County Health Department will be working with them and other public health staff as necessary.

Please remember this is not a time to panic, but rather, to support each other and work together to reduce any possible spread of illness in our community. The symptoms of COVID-19 are **not** your usual runny nose and sneezing. Instead, **COVID-19 symptoms** include fever, dry cough, and shortness of breath. If you feel well, you do not need to be tested. If you do become ill, call your doctor before going in to the office. Testing will be determined based on risk assessment.

We continue to encourage you to practice social distancing (6 feet apart), avoid groups of people, wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content if washing is not available, avoid touching your face with unwashed hands, avoid handshakes, and avoid unnecessary travel or shopping trips. Consider using the curb side service to pick up needed items.

There is a State informational hotline available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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/>).