HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Caring today for a healthy tomorrow

To serve, protect and promote a healthy community for all.

- Kent County Health Department COVID-19 Website: www.accesskent.com/health/coronavirus

- COVID-19 Health-Related Questions: Call 888-535-6136

- Community Resources Call: 2-1-1 or 1-800-1107 or text your zip code to 898211

- Questions for KCHD: covid@kentcountymi.gov

- Kent County COVID-19 Data Dashboard: www.accesskent.com/Health/covid-19-data.htm

- COVID-19 Testing Sites: www.accesskent.com/Health/covid-19-testing.htm

- Kent County Back to Work Website: https://kentcountybacktowork.com/
  Safety guidelines, best practices, and resources for reopening Kent County businesses.

Where to Find Kent County Resources

Moving Toward Reopening

As more of America is reopening and people are out in community spaces, Public Health is trying to keep the viral transmission of COVID-19 in check by using known mitigation strategies: coronavirus testing, contact tracing and case investigation, and isolation and quarantine, educating and informing community. As your local public health department, we are here to address questions and concerns. We are here to provide resource information and support. We are committed to providing compassionate care and working with the community to help prevent transmission of the virus.

The Health Department recently announced the expansion of coronavirus testing by opening four testing sites where we are seeing the highest incidents of positive cases. Two of the sites are drive through and two are walk-in settings. The testing is free, however if you have insurance, bring your card with you so we may bill for the cost of the test. It is also extremely helpful if you register for the testing before going. Either go to the website: **https://www.accesskent.com/Health/covid-19-testing.htm** or call (616) 632-7200.

Individuals that are found to have a positive coronavirus test, will enter the next strategy used in Public Health - contact tracing and case investigation. For example, Public Health uses contact tracing when a food-borne illness, like salmonella, is identified. The information from the sick patient and others exposed help find the source of contamination. This will help prevent others from getting sick. The same is true for COVID-19. Persons who test positive will receive a phone call from a representative of the Kent County Health Department to discuss steps for the next Public Health strategy - isolation.

Positive cases are asked to isolate themselves from others, self-monitor for symptoms and help identify people who they have been in close contact with, so they too can be contacted. Calls from the health department will continue with daily check-ins over a two-week period. Calls include education, information and referral to support services such as housing, food, medicine, and linkage to primary care.

This is important work. We can about you. We are trying to help slow the spread of COVID-19.