



State to begin reporting on probable COVID-19 cases

CHIPPEWA COUNTY— On April 16, the Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services will begin reporting on the number of probable cases for each county, along with current reporting of laboratory confirmed cases and deaths.

Probable cases of COVID-19 disease are individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19, but have not been tested, and meet one of the following conditions within the past 14 days:

- close contact with a laboratory confirmed case or close contact with another probable case of COVID-19;
- close contact with a symptomatic contact of a laboratory confirmed case;
- traveled to an area experiencing sustained, ongoing community transmission of COVID-19; or
- are people within the community who public health authorities consider more likely to be exposed, such as health care workers or people living in group homes.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 include a fever, cough and shortness of breath/difficulty in breathing.

It is essential to note that if an individual's healthcare provider or health department indicates they are a probable case of COVID-19, it is important to follow the recommendations of home isolation, and quarantine for their close contacts. If a person is counted as a probable case and then tests positive, the individual will be removed from the probable case count and placed into the positive count.

Chippewa County Health Department is aware that seeing how many additional people

are likely to have COVID-19 will be startling. Michigan's number of confirmed cases is understood to be an undercount, something the new data will help to improve.

Also, as more testing becomes available, expect to see an increase in the number of people infected.

CCHD is strongly encouraging Chippewa

County residents to continue following social distancing guidelines, wearing face coverings as appropriate, and remaining at home as much as possible.

The State of Michigan provides COVID-19 case updates after 3 p.m. daily at www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

IRS launches 'Get my payment' tool on website

WASHINGTON – Working with the Treasury Department, the Internal Revenue Service has unveiled the new Get My Payment with features to let taxpayers check on their Economic Impact Payment date and update direct deposit information.

This new tool will help address key common questions. Get My Payment will show the projected date when a deposit has been scheduled, similar to the “Where's My Refund tool” many taxpayers are already familiar with.

Get My Payment also allows people a chance to provide their bank information. People who did not use direct deposit on their last tax return will be able to input information to receive the payment by direct deposit into their bank account, expediting receipt.

Get My Payment is updated once daily, usually overnight. The IRS urges taxpayers to only use Get My Payment once a day given the large number of people receiving Economic Impact Payments.

Available only on IRS.gov, the online application is safe and secure to use.

Taxpayers only need a few pieces of information to quickly obtain the status of their payment and, where needed, provide their bank account information. For taxpayers to track the status of their payment, this feature will show taxpayers the payment amount, scheduled delivery date by direct deposit or paper check and if a payment hasn't been scheduled.

You will need to enter basic information including: Social Security number, date of birth, and mailing address used on your tax return. To provide banking information, you will need your routing and account numbers.

Get My Payment cannot update bank account information after an Economic Impact Payment has been scheduled for delivery. To help protect against potential fraud, the tool also does not allow people to change bank account information already on file with the IRS.