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Harbor Beach Community Hospital COVID19 Facility Update

Harbor Beach Community Hospital experienced a COVID19 outbreak in early May. According to the Huron County Health Department, an outbreak is when two or more individuals in the same workplace are diagnosed as COVID19 positive. A total of 10% of our staff were diagnosed as COVID19 positive. It has been more than seven days since a staff member at our facility has tested positive for COVID19. Research from the CDC shows that approximately 3-11% of all healthcare professionals have been or are currently diagnosed as COVID19 positive.

To date, nearly 80% of staff members who were diagnosed as COVID19 positive have returned to work. In order for a staff member to return to work they must be symptom free for 72 hours without the use of medication and at least 10 days must have passed since onset of symptoms. The Huron County Health Department must also screen and release all individuals who test positive for the Coronavirus before they may return to work. We anticipate the remaining staff that tested positive for COVID19 to be cleared to return to work soon. Our return to work policy follows all recommendations of the Huron County Health Department and CDC.

Harbor Beach Community Hospital is currently offering Coronavirus testing to any employee who wishes to be tested. Many staff members have tested out of an abundance of caution, and tested negative. Harbor Beach Community Hospital also contracted with an outside company, Clean Team Commercial Cleaning, to provide disinfectant services to the facility. These services took place on May 16th. Staff are still screening symptoms, practicing social distancing, wearing hospital grade face masks, wearing proper personal protective equipment, and following rigorous sanitation protocols.

The data suggests that our safety precautions and protocols are working, as we are seeing an increase in COVID19 positive patients coming to our facility for care, but a decrease in the number of staff members diagnosed as COVID19 positive. Additionally, the State of Michigan completed a COVID19 Survey of our long term care unit this week, and no issues were reported. We cannot thank our staff enough for going above and beyond to create and maintain a safe environment while providing the highest level of care to every patient who comes through our doors.

Harbor Beach Community Hospital is proud to be a part of this community, and we are truly grateful for the support and generosity we have received during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Paul Clabuesch, President/CEO