

“Stay Home, Stay Safe”
It may be April Fools Day, but this Virus is No Joke!

Message from Beaver Island Rural Health Center

Mandatory Stay at Home Declaration – Per the Governor’s Executive Order all people in the State of Michigan (including Beaver Island!) must “stay home”. This is particularly important upon arrival to the island as, just the fact that you have been travelling, regardless of how long or short the trip, you have had theoretical exposure to the Coronavirus and should self-isolate for 14 days.

Self-isolation Specifics – This means only leaving your house for medical reasons, or to pick up food supplies. One may, however go for walks outside but must stay 6’ away from other people. Given that we are not in an urban setting, one should be able to stay even farther away as the more distance the better. This starts at the airports as one must keep distance from the people working. We must take very careful steps to protect the people who work at risk to help the rest of us. This includes others like the post office workers, bank tellers and the stores.

Compliance is critical to help stop the spread of this deadly virus. Islands are particularly susceptible due to the geographically confined space and devastating spread can occur very rapidly.

Message from Beaver Island Fire Department

Due to the corona virus we are asking people to maintain "situational awareness" and keep yourself and others safe. The health and safety of our volunteers, EMS and Health Care Providers is extremely important at this time. All of these agencies have instituted protocols for responding to public needs, but you can help them from having to respond unless there is a true emergency by doing the following things.

Stay off the ice around the lakes, ponds and streams, kayaking and boating are extremely dangerous with water temperatures slightly above freezing hypothermia would set in after a few minutes if you were to fall in.

The State of Michigan DNR has issued a ban on open burning, no permits will be issued.

Have your chimney cleaned and inspected and have your smoke detectors batteries replaced.

*Thank you for your cooperation,
Tim McDonough, Chief, Beaver Island Fire Dept*

I think I have been exposed to COVID-19, what should I do? Click on the [Personal Exposure Flow Chart](#) document through the "Coronavirus 19" Link on either township's homepage peainetwp.org or stjamestwp.org

How do I Protect Myself and Family?: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

What do all of the terms mean? Click on the Social distancing, self-monitoring, quarantine, isolation for COVID-19 document through the "Coronavirus 19" Link on either township's homepage peainetwp.org or stjamestownship.org

Essential Services Document – ‘Stay Home, Stay Safe’

A summary of current services available on the Island has been developed and posted to the BIESA website. This document will be updated as things change.

If you have questions for the Leadership Team or suggestions, please email Bill or Kitty at the email addresses below. We would like to hear from you about things you think we should be thinking about or planning for.

For updated information click on the "Coronavirus 19" Link on either township's homepage peainetwp.org or stjamestownship.org

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