

Washing Hands Frequently Will Lessen the Spread of Respiratory Illnesses

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Dr. Terrian also noted that the 2008-2009 flu season in the Upper Peninsula has not been bad, compared to some years.

As of Monday, April 27, 40 confirmed cases were reported in the U.S. in California, Kansas, New York City, Ohio, and Texas.

No cases have been reported in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, reported the Chippewa County Health Department, although one probable swine flu case has been reported in Livingston County in Michigan, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH).

"We are monitoring the probable case here in Michigan and we are informing all doctors on what to look for when they treat sick patients," said Dr. Greg Holzman, chief medical executive for MDCH. "This probable case is not a cause for alarm, but we do want people to be cautious. It is important that people cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze and

it's important to wash your hands frequently to help prevent the spreading of germs. If people are sick, they need to stay home from work and school."

The following recommendations are given to prevent the spread of swine flu:

- Avoid contact with ill persons.
- When you cough or sneeze, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or your sleeve if you do not have a tissue. Throw used tissues in a trash can.
- After you cough or sneeze, wash your hands with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand gel.
- Do not go to work, school, or travel while ill. If you think you are ill with flu, avoid close contact with others as much as possible. Stay at home.
- Seek medical care if you are severely ill or have trouble breathing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

• Wash hands frequently to lessen the spread of respiratory illness.

• People experiencing severe symptoms including cough, fever, fatigue, sore throat, chills, headaches, and body aches, with which diarrhea and vomiting are sometimes reported, should contact a physician.

For people entering the U.S. who are experiencing symptoms consistent with swine flu and have traveled to an affected area or have been exposed to someone possibly infected with swine flu during the last seven days, the CDC recommends the illnesses be reported to a health care provider immediately. Providers should be informed of any recent travel.

The CDC reports the symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu, and may include the following:

- Fever greater than 100°F
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Stuffy nose

- Chills
- Headache and body aches
- Fatigue

Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu, according to the

CDC. Severe illness, including pneumonia and respiratory failure, and deaths have been reported with swine flu infection in people. Like seasonal flu, swine flu also may cause a worsening of under-

lying chronic medical conditions.

A doctor can prescribe antiviral medications for treatment of swine flu.

The outbreak is ongoing and additional cases are expected.

Ferries Are Asked to Consider Fare Cut

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"At this point, we're only asking to break even this year by keeping the ticket rates where they are," he said.

"Cutting our rates only puts us deeper in the hole. I'm taking a 20% cut in pay and another person in our administration is taking a bigger cut. Fuel prices are lower than last year but all three of us ferry lines still have to run trips, and there is still overhead to pay."

Even with the \$3 surcharge last year, he said, his company lost money.

"Last year, it cost me \$1.50 more to burn 2,600 gallons a day," he said of Star Line's average fuel use per day during the summer, combined for St. Ignace and Mackinaw City departures. "We couldn't make that up, even with the \$3 surcharge."

Mr. Pfeiffelmann asked to meet with a committee where he hoped for a "less hostile environment," but Mayor Margaret Doud said a committee meeting couldn't be scheduled until fall. The city, she said, is looking for an answer now to its request that the boat lines consider lowering ticket prices this summer. Rising ticket prices are a concern to the city and the Island

business community, she noted.

Committee meetings are open to the public, just as council meetings are.

"It's easy to raise rates, but to lower them, that is much harder, because there are literally thousands of people who bought tickets in advance online already," said Mr. Pfeiffelmann. "The Internet is a big part of our business."

"No island on the Great Lakes is better served than Mackinac Island," said Mr. Brown, in his company's defense that it has been serving the area well. "We quit serving January 3, and people began snowmobiling across the ice bridge the next week. Then we began running again just a week after they stopped going over the ice bridge. I think we're running as good a business as anyone can expect."

Councilman Jason St. Onge pointed out that since the 1990s, ferry tickets have doubled.

"I hope you appreciate this isn't just City Council, or the mayor, or city hall asking for this consideration to lower the ticket rates. We are behoved by the city in general," said Mr. St. Onge. "People are coming to me asking me about this. I don't have the luxury to

shrug them off because I'm an elected official."

Although Council has merely asked for consideration to lower ferry tickets, it does have the authority to flex some muscle and set its own rates and schedule departures to and from the Island according to its long-standing charter, said city attorney Tom Evashevski. It even has the authority to create its own public transit operation, if it so chooses, he noted.

Council has never gone so far as to change ticket rates or change daily departure schedules, however, it does collect a ferry franchise fee, which stipulates that the three boat lines pay 2% of their gross passenger ticket revenue to the city, which is used to provide added city services to meet the needs of thousands of visitors, such as police, fire, and utilities, which otherwise would have to be supported by property taxes or another form of user fees.

"We're not trying to be adversarial, but are asking in the spirit of cooperation," Mayor Doud told the three ferry representatives. "This is all for the common good, and that is for the betterment of Mackinac Island."

Cooking for Cancer Program Will Be May 6

Deanna House, a comedienne and cookbook author, will return to Cheboygan for a Cooking for Cancer Prevention program Wednesday, May 6, at 7 p.m. in the commons at Cheboygan Middle School. The public is welcome to

attend. Cost for the hour-long session is \$5 at the door.

Ms. House has presented programs in Cheboygan previously to packed audiences who requested return engagements. She is a graduate of University Wisconsin-Stout

and has taught junior high, senior high, and adult Home Economics education classes. She is a freelance food writer and the author of four cookbooks.

The program is sponsored by Cheboygan Memorial Hospital.

Community Calendar

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•Tuesday, May 12: **DeTour Friends of the Library**, 10:30 a.m., at the library.

•Mondays: **Alcoholics Anonymous DeTour Passage Group Meetings**, 7 p.m., Wilderness Tabernacle Church, 777 North Caribou Lake Road.

•Tuesdays: **Quilting Group Meets**, 10 a.m., Village Hall.

•Second Thursday of Every Month: **DeTour Senior Citizens Club Potluck Get-togethers**, 5:30 p.m., DeTour Village Hall. Everyone welcome; bring a dish to pass. Bingo after dinner.

Drummond Island

•Thursday, April 30 through Sunday, May 3: **District 10 Lions Convention**, various locations on Drummond Island.

•Thursdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Drummond Island Group Meetings**, 8 p.m., St. Florence Catholic Church, Townline Road.

Goetzville, Raber, Stalwart

•Sundays: **Raber AmVets Auxiliary Bingo**, 6 p.m., Raber Township Hall, Goetzville.

Kinross

•Thursdays, May 5: **Weather Spotter Safety Course**, 6:30 p.m., 911 Dispatch Center. The class is free and open to the public.

•Mondays: **Infant/Toddlers Play Group**, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Kinross Recreation Center.

•Sundays and Wednesdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Kinross Serenity Group Meetings**, 7 p.m., CCSS Building, 4900 Davis Court, Kincheloe.

Rudyard

•Saturday, May 9: **Spring Fling Bazaar**, 10 a.m. to noon, St. James Lutheran Church. Annual and perennial plants available by donation, crafts, white elephant sale, bake sale.

•Mondays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Friends of Bill W. Group Meetings**, 7:30 p.m., St. James Lutheran Church.

•Thursdays: **Story Hour**, 10 a.m., Rudyard School Public Library. Runs every Thursday.

•Fridays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Friends of Bill W. Group Meetings**, 7:30 p.m., St. James Lutheran Church. Open speaker the third Friday of each month.

•Second Saturdays: **North County Trail Hikes**, 10 a.m., contact Stan or Kay Kujawa for details at (989) 350-2826.

Strongs

•Mondays: **Non-smoking Bingo Games** at Strongs Town Hall on M-28,

6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Brimley

•Tuesdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Lakeshore Group Meetings**, 7:30 p.m., Superior Township Hall, 7049 South M-221.

•Thursdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Lakeshore Group Meetings**, 8 p.m., Superior Township Hall, 7049 South M-221. Open speaker the last Thursday of each month.

Engadine, Naubinway

•Wednesday, April 29: **Free Community Meal**, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Engadine United Methodist Church. The movie, "Marley and Me," will be shown at 5:30 p.m. Open to all.

•Monday, May 4: **Open House**, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Engadine Consolidated Schools.

•Saturday, May 9: **Spring Fling and Green and Gold Revue**, 3 p.m., Engadine Schools.

•Saturdays: **Preschool Story Time**, 11 a.m., for children ages three to five, Engadine Library.

Curtis, Gould City

•Mondays: **Curtis Play Group**, noon., Curtis Public Library. Sponsored by Intermediate School District Great Start.

•Thursdays: **Story Time**, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Curtis Library.

Sault Ste. Marie

•Wednesday, April 29: **Caregiver Support Group**, 2 p.m., second floor conference room at the Avery Square Center.

•Thursday, April 30 through Sunday, May 3: **Chippewa Theatre Guild presents 'Harvey'**, evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m., at the Guild Theatre. Performances will also be Friday, May 8 through Sunday, May 10. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$8 for students.

•Wednesday, May 6: **Community Baby Show**, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sault High School. This is free and open to the public.

•Thursday, May 7: **Family Fun Night**, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Sault Tribe Elders Building. The event is free and open to the public.

•Thursday, May 7: **Social Security: Discover New Services Online**, presented by Dawn Terrell, 7 p.m., Bayliss Public Library. Free and open to the public.

•Friday, May 8: **Author Jamie Smith** on his book "Roadie: The Misunderstood World of a Bike Racer," 7 p.m., Bayliss Public Library. Free and open to the public.

•Saturday, May 16: **Friends of the Library Gently Used Book Sale**, all day, Bayliss Public Library.

•Sundays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Shewadin Group Meetings**, noon, Shewadin Building, 2154 Shunk Road.

•Mondays and Tuesdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Central Group Meetings**, 7:30 p.m., Community of Christ Church, Room 101.

•Tuesdays: **Sault Parent Group**, 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Algonquin Methodist Church.

•Wednesdays: **Preschool Story Time**, 10 a.m., for children ages three to five, Bayliss Public Library.

•Thursdays: **Preschool Story Time**, 1 p.m., for children ages three to five, Bayliss Public Library.

•Saturdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Lock City Group Meetings**, 7 p.m., Presbyterian Church, 555 Bingham Avenue.

Cheboygan

•Wednesday, May 6: **Cooking for Cancer Prevention with Deanna House**, 7 p.m., Commons at Cheboygan Middle School. Cost is \$5. Sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of Cheboygan Memorial Hospital's Development Council.

•Saturday, May 9: **Spring Fling Craft Show**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Cheboygan Eagles Hall. Sponsored by the Cheboygan Eagles Auxiliary.

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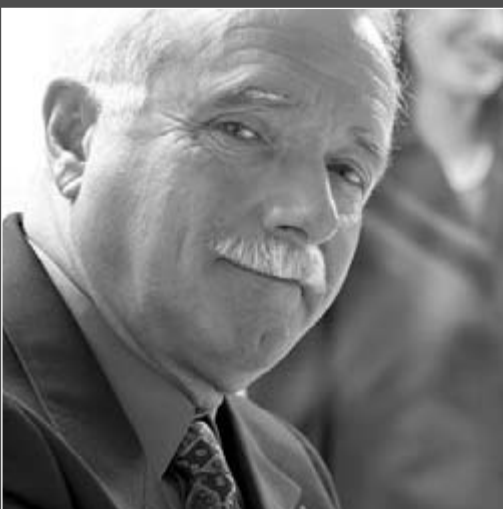
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