

## **COVID-19 ALERT – for Canadians crossing the US border for essential travel or work in Michigan**

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There are ongoing new cases of COVID-19 in Chippewa County and northern Michigan. At this time, the risk of contracting the virus is high, and any close contact is a possible exposure. To protect themselves and loved ones at home, no one should be crossing the border unless for absolutely essential reasons. Chippewa County Health Department has had a dozen plus new COVID-19 cases since late June into early July, and similarly the UP is experiencing an ongoing rise in cases: (if interested go to [Michigan's data tracker](#), go to the Daily Cases tab, and select Region 8, which is the UP, to see their epi curve).

If you cross the border routinely for work, please read the attached [handout](#)

If anyone has been exposed, they should [call a local assessment centre](#) for testing, and self-isolate at home for 14 days.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts in protecting the health of your communities.