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FIRST DELTA VARIANT CASE CONFIRMED IN SAGINAW COUNTY

(SAGINAW) – The Saginaw County Health Department received notification yesterday of its first confirmed case of the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant of COVID-19.

Since earlier this month, positivity and daily new cases have been on the rise in the county. July 7th we celebrated no new COVID-19 cases or deaths. Today, the county is looking at a 6.2% positivity rate that is slowly rising and 43.2 new cases per million (or approximately 8-9 new cases per day). In the last two days alone, Saginaw County has recorded 40 new cases.

“While this is far below any of the surge levels we experienced last fall or earlier this year, we need to be careful and not let our guard down,” says Christina Harrington, MPH, health officer. “With school starting in some districts in less than a month, we would really like our schools to have a normal back-to-school experience.”

Accomplishing that requires continued vigilance in handwashing, staying home when you don’t feel well, and getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

“Today we KNOW the Delta variant is here. We’ve suspected it has been here a while now,” Harrington explains. “The vast majority of people getting sick or being hospitalized are the unvaccinated. It’s time to get yours if you haven’t already.”

Saginaw COVID-19 Testing numbers as of 7/28/2021 10:00AM	
Positive	21,372
Deaths	621

Saginaw COVID-19 testing numbers as of 7/26/2021 10:00 AM	
Positive	21,332
Deaths	621

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