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Response to Un-Sanctioned High School Prom in Saginaw and Reminder to the Public on Executive Orders

(SAGINAW) – The Saginaw County Health Department was informed today of an event that took place earlier this week at a local banquet facility amongst high school students.

It is our understanding that the prom was not sanctioned by the school, and we are reaching out to school officials and families whose children were in attendance at the event.

Our investigation is not punitive in nature, but rather out of concern for those who put themselves, their families and other close contacts at risk for COVID-19. We are instructing all attendees and their families to self-monitor for any COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days and to encourage COVID-19 testing. It is important to note that a negative test within that 14-day period does NOT rule out the possibility of still developing COVID-19. The incubation period is 3-14 days and symptoms have been known to come as late as 14 days after exposure.

Our public health nurses and staff are available to help any affected families, especially those with more vulnerable family members by calling our COVID-19 Hotline at (989) 758-3828.

Meanwhile, the health department has issued a warning to the local banquet facility where the prom was held. “We will be working with the facility to ensure no other events are being planned that violate the Executive Orders or put the public at greater risk as we continue to work diligently to prevent the spread of COVID-19” states Christina Harrington, Health Officer. “I hope that we continue to work collectively as a community on compliance to the public health orders in order to avoid having to issue cease and desist orders for businesses in our community” Ms. Harrington added.

At this point in time, the SCHD wants to remind everyone that the Governor’s Executive Order 110 is still in effect in Saginaw and within our region which states indoor social gatherings amongst person not of a single household are not to exceed 10 people, and outdoor gatherings or events may not exceed 100 people and must include social distancing.

Now is not the time to let our guard down against COVID-19, we must all remain vigilant and practice good prevention strategies like washing our hands, covering coughs and sneezes by wearing a mask in public, and staying home if we are ill. Be Wise. Be Well.

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