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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

TO: All Media  
FROM: Joel Strasz, Public Health Officer  
DATE: July 1, 2020  
RE: POTENTIAL COMMUNITY EXPOSURE OF COVID-19 IDENTIFIED AT LOCAL BUSINESS

BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN – The Bay County Health Department and the Great American Man Cave are notifying the public of potential exposures from a COVID-19 positive individual. A hair stylist from the Great American Man Cave located at 1900 South Wenona Avenue in Bay City has tested positive for COVID-19.

At this time, this is the only positive result reported. The stylist worked the following days while experiencing very mild symptoms but potentially infectious:

- Tuesday, June 23
- Wednesday, June 24
- Friday, June 26
- Monday, June 29
- Tuesday, June 30

The individual and their clients may or may not have consistently worn face coverings. There may up to 75 clients with potentially direct contact. The known clients who signed in to a customer list will be notified by the Health Department and be provided education, counseling and potentially testing through community providers.

Any clients that did not provide sign in information at the site (in other words, anyone not contacted by the Health Department and notified of exposure) but were in this location during those dates and times is asked to contact the health department by 1. Complete the attached survey and submit it via fax (989-895-4083) or email ([covid19@baycounty.net](mailto:covid19@baycounty.net)); OR by 2. Calling the Bay County Health Department (989-895-4009; ext. 6).

These individuals are advised to watch for symptoms, including:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Temperature > 100.4°F (38°C) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweats and/or chills                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Congestion / runny nose               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sudden loss of sense of smell / taste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Conjunctivitis (pink eye)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue or weakness                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle aches                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache                              |

If symptoms do develop, persons are advised to seek medical attention and get tested as soon as possible.

“We provide great service to our community, and the health and safety of our clients and our stylists is vitally important” states Great American Man Cave owner Janice Pogoreski. “We want to commend the Great American Man Cave for all of their efforts in assisting the Health Department as we reach out to the community and begin contact tracing and investigate the spread of COVID-19” stated Health Officer

Coronavirus information can be found at: <https://www.baycounty-mi.gov/Health/covid19/default.aspx>

Joel Strasz. “They (the Great American Man Cave) have stepped up and their concern for the community and their clients is truly appreciated.”

More information regarding the investigation will be provided in the coming days. For the latest and most accurate information regarding COVID-19 please go to the Bay County Health Department website at [www.baycounty-mi.gov/Health](http://www.baycounty-mi.gov/Health).