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Citizens of the Greater Rangeley area:

As always, in an effort to be transparent and to keep our community informed, I am writing this to update you regarding COVID cases as I know them in the greater Rangeley area. **As of today, December 10<sup>th</sup>, we have 8 positive cases with 2 presumptive positive cases. 5 of those cases will be released from their isolation period after today, as well as a number of their close contacts that have been in quarantine.** We are continuing to work closely with those directly affected by this with resources, support, and guidance.

I also want to update you on new the Maine CDC guidance that was issued last week regarding quarantine and close contacts.

The new quarantine period for those who are considered close contacts is now **10 days from your last exposure while continuing to monitor yourself for symptoms for an additional 4 days.** For example, if you were in contact with a positive case today, December 10<sup>th</sup>, you would start your quarantine countdown from tomorrow the 11<sup>th</sup>. You would then be able to go out in public on December 21<sup>st</sup> while monitoring yourself for symptoms until the 24<sup>th</sup>.

With that being said, it is important to remember that if while in isolation for being a positive case, **you are unable to isolate yourself from other members in your household who are not COVID positive, then an additional 10 days will need to be added to those members in quarantine per the Maine CDC guidelines.** We are finding that some people are testing negative, but then later developing symptoms and then testing positive.

The Maine CDC has had to re-prioritize their case investigations due to the surge in cases throughout the state.

**Case investigation and contact tracers will only be assigned for the following populations:**

- Those 18 years of age and younger or 65 years of age and older
- Healthcare workers/First responders
- Those who are currently hospitalized
- Disabled citizens
- Those who reside or work in congregate facilities
- Schools and childcare facilities
- It is important that if you are tested that you answer the questionnaire accurately so you can be placed in the appropriate category for investigation if needed

Therefore, if you test positive for COVID and do not fall in any of the above categories, you will only be contacted by a case notifier who will give you information regarding isolation and resources, however **you will be responsible for notifying your own close contacts.** This may be an overwhelming task for some, so I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions or guidance related to this. By doing this, we can accurately notify your contacts and work together to prevent any further spread.

I would like to thank everyone who has pulled together these past few weeks. Businesses have changed the way they operated, community members have worked together to support those in need, and those who have faced isolation or quarantine have been very cooperative and proactive. Together we will move forward.

***Wear a face covering. Wash your hands. Keep your distance. Keep your circle small.***

Please reach out with any questions to [rangeleylho@gmail.com](mailto:rangeleylho@gmail.com), or call 2-1-1 or visit Maine CDC website for more information.

Be Safe. Be Well.

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