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CORONAVIRUS IN MICHIGAN

Officials: 10 new cases confirmed

Total now at 12; most patients are known to have traveled domestically and internationally

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Michigan health officials have confirmed 10 new cases of coronavirus, bringing the statewide total to 12.

All of these new presumptive positive cases were tested in Lansing by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Laboratories. The

specimens will be sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for confirmation testing.

The new cases include:

- An adult female from Ingham County with history of travel on a cruise.
- Two adult females from Kent County and one adult male, all with history of international travel.
- An adult female from Mont-

calm with history of international travel.

- Two adult males from Oakland County; one with no travel history and one with domestic travel.

- An adult male from St. Clair County with history of domestic travel.

- One adult female and one adult male from Washtenaw County; one with history of domestic travel and one with history of international travel.

According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, a total of 135 Michigan-

ers have been approved for COVID-19 testing, 97 have tested negative, and 26 test results are pending. Of the 554 Michiganders that have been asked to self-quarantine for 14 days, there are currently 172 Michiganders in isolation and under active monitoring by county health departments.

There have been more than 1,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus, in the U.S., causing over 30 deaths, according to a tally from Johns Hopkins University. Worldwide, around 128,000 cases have been confirmed in

over 120 countries and regions.. Of that number, around 70,000 people have recovered while more than 4,700 people have died.

On Wednesday, The World Health Organization declared the outbreak a pandemic, a sign of how globally widespread the virus has become.

On Tuesday, the first two cases in Michigan were confirmed in Oakland and Wayne counties, a middle-aged female and middle-aged man who recently traveled. The Wayne County man, a resident of Livonia, was confirmed

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CORONAVIRUS

AMERICANS SNAP TO ATTENTION



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Judie Shape, center, who has tested positive for the coronavirus, blows a kiss to her son-in-law, Michael Spencer, left, as Shape's daughter, Lori Spencer, right, looks on as they visit on the phone and look at each other through a window at the Life Care Center in Kirkland, Wash., near Seattle.

U.S. sees many of its cherished traditions, events grind to a halt

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A basketball tournament, with no fans. A St. Patrick's Day, with no parades. College campuses, with no students. Corporate headquarters, with barren cubicles. California's governor urged people to avoid even small social gatherings, if they can't remain six feet apart.

The nation snapped to attention as the new coronavirus was declared a pandemic and stocks slid into bear market territory. As Americans belatedly seemed to come to grips with the outbreak, President Donald Trump held a rare prime-time address from the Oval Office to calm the public.

Health and government officials have been sounding the alarm about the virus for nearly two months as it infected and killed thousands of people, pinballing from China to Iran to Italy and be-

yond before striking Seattle in the first deadly outbreak in the U.S.

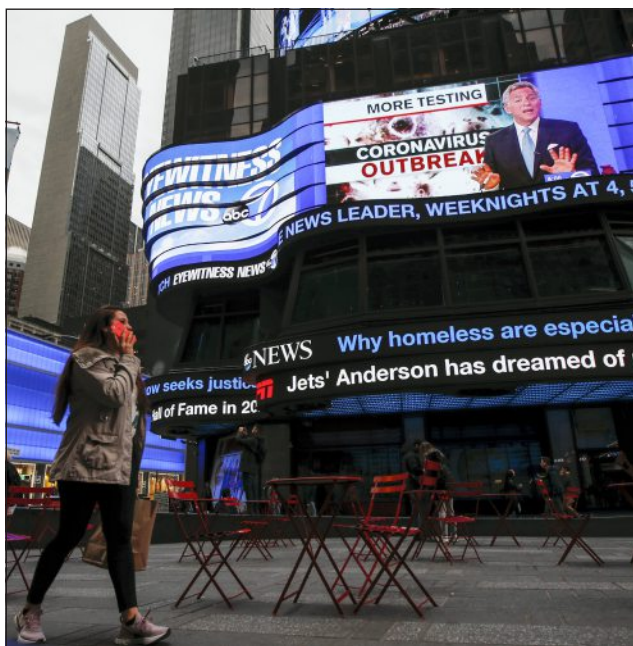
But Wednesday was the moment that the larger American public came to the dawning realization that the toll of the virus would be unavoidable for months to come, perhaps longer.

In the matter of hours Wednesday afternoon, the signs were everywhere. The NCAA announced that the rite of spring for so many Americans — its college basketball tournament — would be played before largely empty arenas. The NBA said it would suspend its season until further notice.

News feeds lit up with cancellations of St. Patrick's Day parades, major university systems in California, New York and elsewhere ending classes for the term and late-night comedians making plans to film without live studio audiences.

CBS Evening News anchor Norah O'Donnell solemnly

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JOHN MINCHILLO — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pedestrians pass under a news ticker in Times Square, Wednesday in New York City. In an effort to stem a panic, health officials are routinely reminding people that the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms. However, for some it can cause more severe illness — particularly in the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions.

MACOMB COUNTY

COVID-19 concerns spark cancellations

Public advised to reconsider weekend plans, check updates

Compiled by **Macomb Daily staff**

As the COVID-19 epidemic grips the nation, Macomb County residents are on edge as the virus continues expanding in Michigan. Meanwhile, officials have stressed a measured and patient approach as what the World Health Organization has deemed a pandemic continues to spread in the Great Lakes State.

Thursday, Deputy County Executive Vicki Wolber said some county residents mistakenly believe they can get tested for COVID-19 at the county Health Department. She said people have been showing up at Health Department offices and calling the Health Department to get tested.

"There seems to be (a) confluence of people who think they can get tested at the county Health Department, and that is not true," she said.

She said people who feel sick should visit a medical facility.

"If you're feeling sick or were traveling to China or were on a cruise ship where people got sick, you can go to your doctor's office or a hospital. They'll put you through a series of tests," she said.

The doctor or hospital must send the test to a state lab for results, she said. She added no county facilities have been closed and no events have been cancelled but officials are monitoring the situation.

"We don't have a case in Macomb County but

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MOUNT CLEMENS

County board panel halves pay increase

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A Macomb County Board of Commissioners committee cut in half a proposed 2-percent pay increase for commissioners and the five county-wide elected officials other than the Executive.

The Government Oversight Committee in an 11-1 vote Wednesday afternoon in the county Administration Building in Mount Clemens approved a 1-percent pay increase for the 13 county commissioners, including the higher-paid board chairman, the Prosecuting Attorney, Public Works Commissioner, Sheriff, Clerk and Treasurer.

The panel is a committee of the full board, which is scheduled to finalize it at a meeting in two weeks.

Commissioner Phil Kraft, R-Chesterfield Township, gained approval of an amendment to cut the pay because, as he said, the half-dozen employees of the board were among the few in the county who didn't receive a pay increase this year. Most employees received a 2 percent raise.

"I'm bitter about that," Kraft said during the meeting. "I didn't think 2 percent was fair" in light of those employees' pay being frozen, Kraft added after the meeting.

Kraft said he actually preferred no pay raise but offered 1 percent as a compromise.

Commissioner Andrey Duzjy, D-Warren, voted

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