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Bay County assisted living facility sees at least 20 coronavirus cases, some fatal

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"We have been in direct contact and communication with them and the state of Michigan over the last three weeks," Strasz said. "We meet with them several times a week to try to get them to manage the situation."



"Typically, what we see with some of these facilities is someone doesn't report their symptoms or they may misinterpret their symptoms for allergies or something else," Strasz said. "It really depends on the situation. We've had long-term care facilities throughout the course of this pandemic that have had pretty significant outbreaks. We've had three other facilities I know of right off the bat that have had outbreaks."

Bay County as of Tuesday has seen <u>700 positive coronavirus cases</u> and 83 probable positives, resulting in 40 deaths.

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BANGOR TWP, MI — An assisted living facility in Bay County's Bangor Township is seeing a number of COVID-19 cases, the health department has confirmed.

The outbreak at <u>Sheffield Bay Assisted Living and Memory Care</u>, 4471 Sheffield Place, began in early August, said Bay County Health Department Director Joel Strasz.

"There have been some fatalities with them," Strasz said. "I think there have been six over the last few weeks. Four of them were on hospice care."

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Strasz added Tuesday, Aug. 25, there have been more than 20 positive coronavirus cases associated with the

Staff at Sheffield Bay declined to comment on the matter when contacted by MLive, saying they would likely issue a press release in the future.

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Strasz said Sheffield Bay is not a skilled nursing facility.

"Every assisted living facility isn't built same way," Strasz said. "Some have more robust structure, especially with medical needs. Some are more apartment buildings with some assistance. Some are in between."

Sheffield Bay's road signs identify the facility as Sheffield Place and its website says staff includes licensed nurses, certified dementia practitioners and nursing assistants.

Though Sheffield Bay has been working with the health department to curb the virus' spread, the facility has been dealing with a staff shortage, as it has been since the pandemic began, Strasz said.

How the outbreak hegan there is not known he said



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