



# Village of Elk Rapids

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## **SELF-QUARANTINE IF YOU HAVE RETURNED TO ELK RAPIDS** **STATEMENT BY VILLAGE PRESIDENT JAMES JANISSE**

Village President James Janisse implores seasonal residents returning to Elk Rapids to please self-quarantine for 14 days. Janisse issued a press release on March 26, 2020 asking seasonal residents to stay in place, however some have returned.

“To seasonal residents who have returned to the Village of Elk Rapids from other areas, including downstate and out of state, I implore you to self-quarantine for 14 days,” stated Janisse. “Our community government, businesses and individuals are working hard to protect each other’s safety. Please join us in this effort by utilizing a 14-day self-quarantine.

“When necessary, please utilize curbside service for grocery and pharmacy needs at the Village Market and drug stores. We thank our essential workers for helping us through these times. Please take care of them by planning what you need in order to minimize the number of pick-ups, and please eliminate unnecessary interaction.

“Over this past weekend, I observed residents with as many as five vehicles at one residence, including license plates from multiple states. This is not safe for anyone and defies common sense. I observed children on play equipment without adult supervision, and it is clearly posted as not sanitized. These are regrettable actions. Staying in place is not much of a sacrifice to slow the spread of this virus. Our northern Michigan medical system is at its limit. Please practice responsibility for all humans, not just self-interest.

“With Detroit preparing the DCF Center as a 900-bed facility and with hospitals in northern Michigan at or above capacity, more people need to act responsibly—and fast.

The following is a useful video link for how to handle your groceries and other supplies upon reaching home. [SAFETY TIPS FOR BRINGING GROCERIES HOME](#)

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