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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Daily Update

Please note that there will not be a daily update released tomorrow, Sunday, April 12th, nor will the data dashboard be updated however, residents can utilize the [State of Michigan's Coronavirus page](#) to see updates for our county. We will resume all regular daily updates on Monday!

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan wants to share with our residents that we hear your requests for more information, and we are working hard to meet your needs. We launched our COVID-19 data dashboard yesterday and want to share our appreciation for our staff working behind the scenes to ensure the data we share is relevant, accurate and timely. Testing capacity is increasing. This will allow us to identify more positive cases, to better understand the pattern of COVID-19 in our area, and to more easily share relevant data with the public.

We understand that as the time goes on, it is difficult to maintain limited contact to only those within the household, especially during a holiday weekend. It is our continued efforts that will reduce the risk of getting or spreading the virus in our community. To stay connected and celebrate the holiday weekend, call friends and family to check in. If the technology is available to you, schedule time for video calling to enjoy the company of one another, to virtually have your meal together, or play a game while continuing to follow the social distancing guidelines.

“We miss our families; we miss our friends. However, we know that it is likely the more compliant we can be, the more likely we will be able to enjoy each other’s physical presence again soon,” Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, stated. “We must stay strong together and believe that this is working. The most important protection we can each provide for ourselves and for our families is to: stay home, stay safe, and save lives!” We encourage everyone to connect with your community by joining our Facebook and Instagram campaign #UpNorthStaysHome! Encourage each other by telling us who you are staying home for!

As of 4:00pm, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 7, Charlevoix – 11, Emmet – 21, Otsego – 31; and confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Emmet – 2, Otsego – 2. The State of Michigan has reported 23,993 cases and 1,392 deaths.

Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department jurisdiction by [liking and following our Facebook page](#) and visiting [our website](#).

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information, visit nwhealth.org.

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