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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Daily Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan wants to remind residents that we re-issued our Public Health Emergency Order on Friday, April 10th. The new order extends the previous emergency order and is effective through April 30th, 2020 at 11:59 pm to ensure the safety of our residents and critical infrastructure workers, and to align with Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-42. Please find the new Public Health Emergency Order 2020-2 [on our website](#). Additionally, we are releasing an updated version of our [Business Toolkit](#).

We have also received questions related to the stay-at-home order, specifically directed towards the re-opening of our state. As Governor Whitmer mentioned in her press conference yesterday, recent data shows the increase of COVID-19 in Michigan to be slowing down but more data is needed to make sure this is a common theme across the state.

“We share the public’s concern for a better understanding of the timeline we may be facing,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We hope that as more data is gathered through testing and contact tracing we will be able to get a better sense of the timeframe and be better able to understand and mitigate the impact of this illness in our communities.”

We understand that it becomes increasingly difficult to stay home. Lifting restrictions within our state and returning to normal activities will happen gradually. The Governor pointed out the re-engagement factors that would be necessary: sustained reduction in case counts, enhanced ability to test and trace, sufficient health care capacity, and best practices for the workplace. This tells us that our local efforts are working in the right direction and we applaud the commitment of our northern Michigan communities to continue to Stay Home, Stay Safe, and Save Lives! Don’t forget to share your story and tell us who you stay home for by joining our #UpNorthStaysHome campaign on Facebook!

As of 4:00pm, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 8, Charlevoix – 11, Emmet – 21, Otsego – 34; and confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 1, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 2. The State of Michigan has reported 27,001 cases and 1,768 deaths.

Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department jurisdiction by [liking and following our Facebook page](#) and visiting our [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#).

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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