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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Daily Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan wants to extend appreciation to our residents for their continued commitment to the Stay Home, Stay Safe orders.

As we increase testing locally, as resources are available, and continue contact tracing, residents must remain dedicated to physical distancing measures in order to continue flattening the curve. The Governor stated the re-engagement factors that would be necessary are sustained reduction in case counts, enhanced ability to test and trace, sufficient health care capacity, and best practices for the workplace. Our local efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 are working. We know that the more we adhere to the stay at home order now, the more likely we will be able to enjoy each other's physical presence again soon.

"We hope with the recent expansion of testing criteria that providers will begin testing more people. We have always mentioned that as testing increases, our positive case numbers will likely increase, too," shared Josh Meyerson, Medical Director. "We know an increase in local case count can be scary, however, with expanded testing criteria and the reporting of probable cases we will have a better sense of where COVID-19 is and how it could be spreading in our communities."

We remain committed to the health and safety of our residents, and those working hard to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. We hear your information requests and we will continue to update our [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#) daily with the most up-to-date information available.

As of 4:00pm, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 8, Charlevoix – 13, Emmet – 21, Otsego – 72; and confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 1, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 5. The State of Michigan has reported 31,424 cases and 2,391 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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