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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has re-issued our Public Health Emergency Order through May 15th, 2020 at 11:59 pm to align with the Governor's Executive Order 2020-59. Please find the new Public Health Emergency Order 2020-3 [on our website](#) and replace all copies of 2020-2 with this updated document.

We have received questions from concerned residents regarding travel and visitors to our region. Executive Order 2020-59 allows individuals to travel in the following circumstances, to return to a home or place of residence from outside this state, to leave this state for a home or residence elsewhere, or between two residences in this state, including moving to a new residence. All other travel is prohibited, including travel to vacation rentals.

Dr. Josh Meyerson, Health Department of Northwest Michigan Medical Director shared, "we understand that with warmer temperatures many of our seasonal neighbors will want to return to Northern Michigan. We continue to ask that all of our residents adhere to the Executive Order and our local Public Health Emergency Order in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19."

As outlined in the local [Public Health Advisory](#), the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, in addition to the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance, advises that additional precautions are necessary if you choose to travel between residences. This includes self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in northern Michigan. There are many community resources available to assist our residents in staying comfortable at home. Please call 211 or our Public Health Information Line at 1-800-386-5959 for assistance.

As of 4:00pm, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 9, Charlevoix – 13, Emmet – 21, Otsego – 87; and confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 1, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 8. The State of Michigan has reported 38,210 cases and 3,407 deaths; and as of April 24, cumulative recovered cases: 8,342.

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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