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## **Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update**

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan has been working diligently to meet the information and data requests of our residents. Today, we will begin reporting a few additional pieces of data on our [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#), including total number of recovered cases across our jurisdiction and by county, as well as two new map visualizations to display total number of confirmed and probable cases by zip code and by county.

Dr. Josh Meyerson, Health Department of Northwest Michigan Medical Director, shares, “information about recoveries from COVID-19 has been highly requested by residents. We are excited to be at a place where we can share recovered case counts and respond to these information requests. The number of recoveries across our four counties is evidence that staying home, and social distancing efforts are working to reduce the spread of COVID-19, while ensuring our health care systems have the capacity to help residents safely recover.”

Consistent with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), our health department is reporting recovered cases as the number of persons with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis who are alive 30 days post-onset of symptoms (or referral date if onset is not available). If an individual dies from a COVID-related cause more than 30 days from onset-date, they are removed from the number of persons recovered. Our health department team is reviewing vital records statistics to identify recovered cases.

Confirmed and probable cases were previously reported on the dashboard in a table by zip code. We are now reporting confirmed and probable cases by zip code and county using two map visualizations to show the prevalence of COVID-19. Darker colors represent more cases for zip code and county COVID-19 data.

As of 4:00pm, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 10, Charlevoix – 13, Emmet – 21, Otsego – 94; confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 1, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 8; and recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 8, Charlevoix – 10, Emmet – 18, Otsego – 30. The State of Michigan has reported 44,397 cases and 4,179 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](http://nwhealth.org).*

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