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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan wants to remind residents that Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed [Executive Order 2020-77](#) yesterday, extending the Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Order through May 28th, 2020. The Governor also detailed the six phases of the MI Safe Start plan to re-engage Michigan's economy, which can be found [here](#).

As we continue to re-engage over the coming weeks we must all do our part to protect our community, especially our citizens at high risk for severe illness, by maintaining 6 feet of social distancing and wearing masks or face coverings in public settings. Additionally, it is important to only leave the house to provide or receive essential goods and services, follow proper hand handwashing guidelines and cleaning or disposal of masks upon returning home.

"It is important the we continue to work together as a community. Wearing a mask or face covering benefits not only you, but also those around you," shared Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director. "When you wear a mask, you are saying thank you to those on the front lines and those stocking the shelves at our stores. They continue to show up and provide us with essential goods and services, and we can show up for them by wearing a mask."

We understand this is a difficult situation mentally, physically, and emotionally. Mental health resources can be found on the State of Michigan's [Stay Home, Stay Well](#) website. Residents can call 211 for assistance with local resources or call 1-800-386-5959 to access our Public Health Information Line.

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 – 96; confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 1, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 9. The State of Michigan has reported 46,326 cases and 4,393 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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