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

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan wants to remind residents that testing is available in our communities. Depending on the provider, an individual wanting to be tested for COVID-19 must meet the [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services \(MDHHS\) testing priority criteria](#). However, we want to stress that anyone with mild symptoms *can* and *should* get tested for COVID-19, and any critical infrastructure employees or individual that has resumed in-person work can get tested even without symptoms.

“As we continue to increase testing resources in our region, we will be able to expand our capacity to test more, and eventually all, priority levels,” shared Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director. “We know our residents want to get tested, and we are actively working to equip our region for the increased testing necessary to support the State of Michigan’s goal to average 15,000 tests per day during the month of May. We would like everyone who has symptoms to be able to get tested.”

Testing for COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving situation as testing supplies become more available in our region. Currently, all tests require a doctor’s order. If you have symptoms, or otherwise need to get tested, and are unable to speak to a doctor for any reason please call 1-800-432-4121. To locate a testing facility, visit the [Michigan COVID-19 Test Finder website](#).

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 – 98
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 8, Charlevoix – 12, Emmet – 19, Otsego – 51
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 1, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 10.

The State of Michigan has reported 48,391 cases and 4,714 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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