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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan wants to thank residents and community members for doing their part to flatten the curve. The collective actions of those in our region have saved lives, prevented strain on our health care systems, and supported the Governor's decision to lift specific restrictions in our region.

The Governor signed [Executive Order 2020-92](#) this afternoon, allowing restaurants, bars, and retail businesses in our region to resume in-person work and offer onsite dining beginning Friday, May 22nd at 12:01 am. We are here to support these businesses as they navigate safely re-opening their doors to employees and customers, and we will update our [COVID-19 business resource page](#) with specific guidance as soon as possible.

"This is an exciting step for our region that we have all been anticipating, especially as we look forward to the upcoming holiday weekend," shared Josh Meyerson, Medical Director. "Although there is a risk to anyone when they are in a public space, the highest risk of infection occurs when someone is in close contact with an infectious person for a significant amount of time. This is why businesses, employees, and customers must continue taking all necessary precautions to protect one another from the transmission of COVID-19 as they enjoy these public spaces again."

It is extremely important that any individual with mild symptoms of COVID-19 contact their doctor in order to get tested. Individuals who are reporting to work in-person, with or without symptoms, can also get tested. If you are unable to speak to a doctor for any reason, please call 1-800-432-4121 for assistance. 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 – 11, Charlevoix – 14, Emmet – 21, Otsego – 99
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 9, Charlevoix – 12, Emmet – 19, Otsego – 72
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 1, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 10.

The State of Michigan has reported 51,915 cases and 4,915 deaths; and as of May 15, cumulative recovered cases: 28,234.

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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