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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting six new cases today in Antrim (2), and Charlevoix (4). These cases are associated with testing in long-term care facilities conducted last week by the National Guard. Case investigations and contact tracing for the six newly reported cases are currently in progress, and more information will be shared once it becomes available. Long term care facilities report positive cases to the State of Michigan and this information can be found here.

We continue to work closely with the community, including congregate living facilities, to ensure everyone is able to provide their patients and staff with the best protection and care. This work has been most effective when community partners work together, demonstrated by the swift response and collaboration between facilities with exposure to new COVID-19 cases, and the health department quickly addressing steps for isolation and the necessary support for additional testing. Our local facilities, along with many long-term care providers throughout the nation, are working hard to battle the COVID-19 pandemic and we continue to support them in providing the best care for their residents.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, shares, "We are at a critical point in re-opening at both the state and the local level. There are several important elements of our overall well-being at risk including a healthy restoration of our economy and the successful opening of our schools. In order for these incredibly important milestones to be achieved, we must continue to proceed with caution. When each of us takes the right steps such as masking, hand hygiene, and social distancing, we work together to protect our co-workers, our family members, and our community members at most risk."

If you would like to get tested for COVID-19, please call 1-800-432-4121.

As of 4:00pm, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:
- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 17, Charlevoix – 22, Emmet – 22, Otsego – 104
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 11, Charlevoix – 14, Emmet – 19, Otsego – 91
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 10.

The State of Michigan has reported 62,306 cases and 5,887 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. To locate a testing facility, visit the Michigan COVID-19 Test Finder website.

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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