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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan released a <u>Public Health Alert</u> today, reminding residents of the important health and safety precautions we should all be following this holiday weekend and continuing through the busy summer months.

Since June 1st in our four-county jurisdiction, we have reported 20 new cases with 60% reported as asymptomatic. The protective measures recommended for visiting public spaces, wearing a mask, regularly washing your hands, and keeping a distance from others, work best when utilized together. With a population increase locally during summer months, we must all do our part to protect ourselves and our communities by masking up, washing up, and spreading out.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, shared, "we are urging the public to take important safety precautions over the fourth of July weekend, and continuing throughout the busy summer months. Over the past week, we have noted concerning trends surrounding the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, at the local, state, and national level. There is no one safety measure that will fully protect us from COVID-19. Especially during the popular summer holidays, we all must do our part to STAY SAFE TO STAY OPEN."

As of 4:00pm, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim 19, Charlevoix 23, Emmet 24, Otsego – 105
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim 12, Charlevoix 14, Emmet 19, Otsego – 92
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix 2, Emmet 2, Otsego 10. The State of Michigan has reported 64,675 cases and 5,966 deaths.

Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department jurisdiction by <u>liking and following our Facebook page</u> and visiting our <u>COVID-19 Data Dashboard</u>. To locate a testing facility, visit the Michigan COVID-19 Test Finder website.