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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 12 new cases today with a primary residence in Charlevoix (9) and Emmet (3) counties. The case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and we will share information when it is available.

From July 13th through July 15th at 3 pm, we completed 11 case investigations for confirmed COVID-19 cases. Of these 11 cases, all were reported in our jurisdiction. The information known at this time is below:

- Five of the 11 cases are primary residents
- Six of the 11 cases are non-residents, but are being counted in our jurisdiction because: (1) they are staying at a second/summer home in our jurisdiction, (2) a long-term stay in our jurisdiction, or (3) in our jurisdiction prior to testing, and while quarantined and recovering.
- Age:
 - 0-19 years – 3 cases
 - 20-29 years – 2 cases
 - 40-49 years – 4 cases
 - 50-59 years – 1 case
 - 80-89 years – 1 case
- Symptomatic: 9 cases; Asymptomatic: 2 cases
- 6 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 30 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

"We are concerned about the increase in cases our region has seen over the last few weeks. Even accounting for our increased population this time of year, our case counts have increased substantially compared to one month ago," shared Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. "We caution everyone to keep their gatherings small and outdoors if possible, wear your masks and face coverings whether at work or play, and keep your distance. We all have a responsibility to contain the spread of COVID-19, to protect ourselves and our loved ones, and 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 – 25, Charlevoix – 37, Emmet – 38, Otsego – 108
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 13, Charlevoix – 18, Emmet – 20, Otsego – 92
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 10.

The State of Michigan has reported 71,197 cases and 6,085 deaths.

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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](#).

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