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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 3 new cases today with a primary residence in Emmet (2) and Otsego (1) counties. The case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and we will share information when it is available.

Since July 1st, we have reported 41 new cases in our four-county jurisdiction. The characteristics of the more recent cases include a younger age group, late teens through early twenties, as well as the majority of cases being related to large gatherings and travel in and out of the area. Although we did expect to see more cases as more sectors of the economy opened, the growth in cases is happening rapidly. When paired with a steady testing volume we are also seeing increased positive results. We remind residents and visitors that our best protection from COVID-19 is to continue masking, washing your hands regularly, and keeping a distance from others.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, shared, “we are currently in Phase 5 in northern Michigan. In order to stay in this phase without additional restrictions we need the cooperation and support of all community members to follow these mitigation strategies and safety precautions. We understand that after time apart, many want to gather with relatives and close friends. This is allowed, but we urge our community members to wear a mask, maintain a distance from others, and regularly wash your hands to prevent the virus from spreading.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 25, Charlevoix – 36, Emmet – 40, Otsego – 109
- 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 71,842 cases and 6,101 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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