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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting two new cases today with a primary residence in Antrim (1) and Emmet (1) counties. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress, and information will be shared when it is available.

Occasionally during contact tracing, we are unable to identify all potential close contacts and therefore share information about potential exposure at a public location. Through case investigation we have been made aware of a low-risk, public exposure location. Individuals present at the location during the times below are being asked to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.

- Little Traverse Yacht Club, on July 14th from 4 – 10 pm

The Little Traverse Yacht Club is working with the health department to take precautionary measures to ensure their employees and members are safe. If you have questions about testing or about your potential exposure, please call the health department at 1-800-432-4121.

We have been made aware of incorrect information circulating within our communities about the health department processes and actions regarding facilities that are reported as potential public exposure locations. When a facility is identified as a potential public exposure location, whether an employee or visitor, the health department *does not* do the following:

- Visit the site as part of the contact tracing process
- Mandate facility closure unless there is a significant threat to the continued operation of the business
- Require quarantine of individuals not considered a “close contact” by the current CDC definition

When a facility is identified as a potential public exposure site, whether an employee or visitor, the health department *does* the following:

- Makes immediate contact with the facility and identifies themselves as an employee of the Health Department
- Work with the owner or business management to gather information for conducting contact tracing
- Advise businesses on what to do after a potential exposure to protect their employees and customers
- Issue a press release, informing the public of the dates and times of potential exposure risks. Press releases are shared on the Health Department [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

If you are concerned that you are being contacted by someone other than a Health Department employee, call 1-800-432-4121.

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“We are thankful for the businesses and individuals in our communities who are working hard to do the right things. An effective response to this pandemic relies heavily on individual responsibility and we can only effectively reduce transmission by working together,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Keeping transmission low is our clear focus. We must stay focused on the strategies that aim to contain transmission of COVID-19 in our communities.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 30, Charlevoix – 37, Emmet – 45, Otsego – 110
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 15, Charlevoix – 18, Emmet – 21, Otsego – 92
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 10.

The State of Michigan has reported 75,947 cases and 6,148 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](#).

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