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The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting three new cases today with a primary residence in Charlevoix (1), Emmet (1) and Otsego (1) counties.

This week, COVID-19 testing is available by appointment in Mancelona on Thursday, July 30th from 2 – 4 pm, and in Charlevoix on Friday, July 31st from 10 – 12 pm. Call 1-800-432-4121 to schedule your COVID-19 test. We hope to share a regular schedule of COVID-19 testing in our jurisdiction next week.

Today we are reporting case investigation information for six confirmed COVID-19 cases. All six cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The information known at this time is below:

- Five of the six cases are primary residents
- One of the six cases is a non-resident, but is being counted here 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:
 - 20-29 years – 1 case
 - 30-39 years – 1 case
 - 40-49 years – 1 case
 - 50-59 years – 1 case
 - 60-69 years – 2 cases
- Symptomatic: 6 cases; Asymptomatic: 0 cases
- Four cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 15 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

“There is a risk of coming into contact with COVID-19 every time someone leaves the house, and in public health we are focused on reducing the spread within our community. To achieve this, we are continually working toward increased access and availability to testing in order to quickly identify cases,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “After being notified of a new case, regardless of residency status, our highest priority is conducting thorough case investigations to identify close contacts who need to quarantine to prevent further spread.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 31, Charlevoix – 38, Emmet – 48, Otsego – 112
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 19, Charlevoix – 21, Emmet – 22, Otsego – 93
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 10.

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The State of Michigan has reported 79,176 cases and 6,170 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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