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### **Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update**

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported three new cases over the weekend, and we are reporting five new cases today. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress and relevant information will be shared when it becomes available.

Today, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon issued an [Emergency Order](#) requiring COVID-19 testing for agricultural and food processing employees. The order requires migrant housing camp operators and employers of migrant or seasonal workers, meat, poultry and egg processing facilities and greenhouses with over 20 employees on-site at a time to provide COVID-19 testing as follows:

- One-time baseline testing of all residents ages 18 and over.
- Testing of all new residents with 48 hours of arrival, with separate housing for newly arriving residents for 14 days and a second test 10 – 14 days after arrival. Testing of all new workers prior to any in-person work.
- Testing of any resident with symptoms or exposure.

“Many people have begun letting their guard down, and during these busy summer months our communities are most vulnerable to increased transmission. We must all do our part to prevent that by wearing face coverings, practicing hand hygiene, keeping our gatherings outdoors and smaller in numbers, and keeping our distance from others,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We know that when multiple mitigation measures are practiced together, they are most effective. In order to protect each other, we must take them seriously.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 36, Charlevoix – 40, Emmet – 51, Otsego – 113
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 23, Charlevoix – 25, Emmet – 25, Otsego – 94
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 10.

The State of Michigan has reported 83,386 cases and 6,212 deaths; and as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, cumulative recovered cases: 60,022.

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](http://nwhealth.org).*

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