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

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting one new case today with a primary residence in Charlevoix county. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress and relevant information will be shared when it becomes available.

We are now offering regular COVID-19 testing in our jurisdiction by appointment only. Testing is currently available in Charlevoix on Monday and Wednesday from 10 am – 12 pm, and in Mancelona and Gaylord on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am – 12 pm. To schedule your test, call 1-800-432-4121.

Today Governor Whitmer issued [Executive Directive 2020-8](#) to strengthen enforcement requirements of COVID-19 related laws (wearing of mask and capacity limitations), and to direct state departments and autonomous agency heads to prioritize these activities in recognition of the risks to public health. Without effective enforcement Michigan will move backwards causing individuals, businesses, and the economy to suffer.

“We know that testing is a critical tool in containing transmission of COVID-19. In an effort to expand access to testing for those in our area, we have been working toward having testing available each week in each of our counties”, states Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “It is so important for those who have symptoms or possible exposure to have access to timely testing.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 36, Charlevoix – 41, Emmet – 51, Otsego – 113
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 23, Charlevoix – 26, Emmet – 25, Otsego – 94
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 10.

The State of Michigan has reported 84,050 cases and 6,219 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](http://nwhealth.org).*

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