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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting five new confirmed cases in our jurisdiction today with a primary residence in Charlevoix (2), Emmet (2), and Otsego (1) counties.

This week we have received many concerns about large social gatherings (particularly wedding events), both indoor and outdoor, and questions about what is allowable under the Governor's current executive orders. Per [Executive Order 2020-160](#) indoor gathering or events *cannot exceed 10 people* and, in MERC Regions 6 and 8, outdoor gatherings or events *cannot exceed 250 people*.

- Any enclosed structure, including a barn or walled tent, is considered an indoor facility and subject to a maximum of 10 attendees.
- A tent or outdoor structure with no "walls" is considered an outdoor space and gatherings are then subject to a maximum of 250 attendees. All events must be organized and designed to ensure that persons not part of the same household maintain six feet of distance from one another, consistent with the order.

Please reference the [Executive Order 2020-160 FAQs](#) for additional guidance.

Today we are reporting case investigation information for nine previously confirmed COVID-19 cases. The following information is from case investigations completed between August 4th - August 7th. Eight of the nine cases were reported in our jurisdiction. The information known at this time is below:

- Seven of the nine cases are primary residents
- One of the nine cases are non-residents, but they are 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
- One of the nine cases is a non-resident counted only in their primary county and state of residency.
- Age:
 - 0-19 years – 1 case
 - 20-29 years – 3 cases
 - 30-39 years – 1 case
 - 50-59 years – 2 cases
 - 60-69 years – 1 case
 - 70-79 years – 1 case
- Symptomatic: 6 cases; Asymptomatic: 3 cases
- Six cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 14 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

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- As reported yesterday, the following public locations were identified during case investigations as public exposure sites:
 - Bay View Country Club member dining, Petoskey on August 1st and 2nd from 6 –9 pm
 - Lucky’s Steakhouse, Gaylord on July 26th, 28th, and 29th from 2:30 – 10 pm

“Most people and most businesses are trying hard to do the right thing, and they are outwardly focused on protecting those around them. Despite the recent challenges of this pandemic, we are more alike than we are different and all of us want for life to be normal again,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We know that it is exhausting to face restrictions and to have to think carefully when planning events and gatherings, but we also know that Michigan is making progress in the fight against COVID-19.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 37, Charlevoix – 43, Emmet – 54, Otsego – 114
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 23, Charlevoix – 27, Emmet – 25, Otsego – 96
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 10.

The State of Michigan has reported 86,191 cases and 6,247 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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