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The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported two new confirmed cases on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> in Antrim (1) and Charlevoix (1) counties. On Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>, we reported three new confirmed cases in Charlevoix (2) and Otsego (1) counties. Today, we are reporting one new confirmed case in Emmet county. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared once it is available.

We want to remind residents that we have a regular schedule of COVID-19 testing available in our jurisdiction. Currently, testing through the health department is available weekly as follows:

- Charlevoix – Monday and Wednesday from 10 am – 12 pm
- Gaylord – Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am – 12 pm
- Mancelona – Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am – 12 pm

We are working to expand testing to additional locations and will provide an update when we are able. To schedule a test call 1-800-432-4121.

"It is just as important now as it was before to have the access and ability to get tested for COVID-19, especially for those with symptoms and those with known exposure," shared Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. "With the regular testing we are now able to offer, and our continued effort to expand to more locations, we hope that our residents and visitors will take advantage of this opportunity. Quick access to testing, in addition to masking, handwashing and distancing yourself from others, will allow us to continue moving forward."

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 38, Charlevoix – 46, Emmet – 55, Otsego – 115
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 25, Charlevoix – 29, Emmet – 25, Otsego – 96
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 87,960 cases and 6,257 deaths; and as of August 7<sup>th</sup>, cumulative recovered cases: 63,636.

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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