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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting two new confirmed cases today with a primary residence in Emmet county. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared once it is available.

Today we are reporting case investigation information for six previously confirmed COVID-19 cases. The following information is from case investigations completed between August 8th - August 10th. All six cases were reported in our jurisdiction. The information known at this time is below:

- Six of the six cases are primary residents
- Age:
 - 0-19 years – 3 cases
 - 50-59 years – 1 case
 - 70-79 years - 2 cases
- Symptomatic: 4 cases; Asymptomatic: 2 cases
- One case was linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 25 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

During case investigations, the following public locations were identified as potential low-risk, public exposure sites.

- Jordan River Church on August 2nd
- Angel Nail Salon, Charlevoix on August 4th at 1:30 pm
- Northern Lights Bowling Alley, Harbor Springs on August 4th from 8 – 9:30 pm
- Challenge Mountain Resale, Boyne City on August 4th at 10:00 am
- Hobby Lobby, Petoskey on August 4th from 3 – 5 pm
- Pier One Imports, Petoskey on August 4th from 3 – 5 pm
- Charlevoix Health and Fitness on August 6th from 12:30 – 1:30 pm
- Siren Hall, Elk Rapids on the evening of August 6th
- Traverse City Cherry Capital Airport, Allegiant Air Flight 871 on August 8th

All locations have been contacted and are working with the health department to ensure their employees and customers are safe. If you have questions about testing or about your potential exposure, please call the health department at 1-800-432-4121.

“Considering the potential for wide-reaching impact simply means that we have to carefully consider where and how we spend our time,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “For example, if through a case investigation, a person testing positive reports they had close contact, within 6 feet for 15 minutes of

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more, with 20 people in the 48 hours prior to their positive test, there are 20 additional interviews to be conducted. It also means that 20 more people have to be quarantined, and 20 more people could develop the virus and therefore spread it on to others. With more activities being allowed, we should all be considering how we can make these interactions safer through masking, distancing, practicing hand hygiene, and staying home when we don't feel well."

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 – 57, Otsego – 115
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 25, Charlevoix – 29, Emmet – 25, Otsego – 98
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 88,756 cases and 6,264 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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