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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported four new confirmed cases on Saturday, August 15th in Charlevoix (1), Emmet (2), and Otsego (1) counties. On Sunday, August 16th we reported four new confirmed cases in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (1), and Emmet (2) counties. Today, we are reporting nine new confirmed cases in Charlevoix (3) and Emmet (6) counties. 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 12 confirmed COVID-19 cases. All 12 cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed on August 17th. The information known at this time is below:

- 10 of the 12 cases are primary residents
- 2 of the 12 cases are non-residents, but 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
- Age:
 - 0-19 years – 4 cases
 - 20-29 years – 2 cases
 - 30-39 years- 2 cases
 - 50-59 years – 3 cases
 - 70-79 years - 1 case
- Symptomatic: 8 cases; Asymptomatic: 4 cases
- Two cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 30 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

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

- City Park Grill, Petoskey on August 10th 10:30 am – 9:30 pm, August 11th 5 pm – 9:30 pm, August 12th 5 pm – 9:30 pm, August 13th 10 am – 9:30 pm, August 15th 10 am -3 pm, and August 16th 10 am – 9:30 pm
- Charlevoix Community Pool on August 11th, 12th, and August 13th
- Palette Bistro, Petoskey on August 14th from 8 – 9 pm
- Chandler's, Petoskey on August 14th from 11 am – 12 pm
- Beaver Island Ferry, 2:30 pm departure to Beaver Island on August 14th
- North Perk, Petoskey on August 16th from 9:45 – 10 am

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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.

Since last Monday, August 10th, we have reported 25 low-risk public exposure sites. We identify these as sites of possible low-risk exposure when an individual who tested positive reports they were present at a location during their symptomatic period or 48 hours prior to their COVID-19 test, and may have been there for 15 minutes or more and been within 6 feet of others that can't be identified. They often report having taken necessary safety measures, such as masking, distancing and hand hygiene and therefore these are categorized as low risk sites for exposure. We report these sites in the spirit of transparency and raising awareness that COVID-19 is spreading around our communities, and to suggest that individuals who were present at the same locations during the times we list should self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms may appear between 2-14 days after exposure. Individuals who are self-monitoring due to potential low risk exposure in a public site should:

- Be aware that symptoms of COVID-19 could indicate possible infection. Symptoms include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, may include other symptoms such as fatigue, loss of taste and smell, and diarrhea.
- Record any symptoms that appear and include the date of onset
- If you develop symptoms, seek testing. Call 1-800-432-4121 to help locate a test near you
- If tested, you should isolate until results have been returned

“As always, anyone who has been identified as a close contact by the person testing positive will be contacted directly by the Health Department”, states, Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Being present at a low risk public site doesn’t increase the individual risk more than being present anywhere in the general public while we are experiencing community spread but we feel that sharing this information does help to raise general awareness of the presence of COVID-19 in our communities.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 40, Charlevoix – 54, Emmet – 74, Otsego – 116
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 28, Charlevoix – 35, Emmet – 25, Otsego – 99
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 93,185 cases and 6,325 deaths; and as of August 14th, cumulative recovered cases: 67,778.

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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