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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting four new confirmed cases today in our jurisdiction with a primary residence in Emmet (4) county. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

Updated COVID-19 case definitions were recently approved to better define confirmed and probable cases. When determining if a case is considered confirmed or probable, we consider clinical criteria (e.g. symptoms), laboratory criteria (e.g. a COVID-19 test) and epidemiological link (contact or potential for contact with a confirmed or probable case). A confirmed case is someone with a lab confirmed positive test (e.g. a PCR test). A probable case is someone who has symptoms and a link to a confirmed or probable case, or has a positive antigen (not PCR) test.

"We have seen a recent uptick in confirmed cases locally in addition to an increase in low-risk public exposure sites shared," stated Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. "This data reminds us that regardless of where we go in our communities we must continue taking all necessary precautions to protect ourselves and others, and to prevent the spread 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 – 78, Otsego – 116
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 29, 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 93,662 cases and 6,340 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.

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