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The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting three new confirmed cases in today Antrim (1) and Emmet (2) 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 nine confirmed COVID-19 cases. All nine cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed between August 17th - 19th. The information known at this time is below:

- Eight of the nine cases are primary residents
- One of the nine cases is a non-resident, but is 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:
 - 0-12 years – 1 case
 - 13-19 years – 1 case
 - 20-29 years – 3 cases
 - 30-39 years- 1 cases
 - 40-49 years – 1 case
 - 50-59 years – 1 case
 - 60-69 years – 1 case
- Symptomatic: 9 cases; Asymptomatic: 0 cases
- Two cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 35 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

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

- Shepler's Ferry, 9 am departure from Mackinaw City to Mackinac Island on August 9th, and August 10th return to Mackinaw City between 12:00 – 2:00 pm
- Round Island Bar and Grill, Mackinac Island on August 9th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- Meyer Ace Hardware, Harbor Springs on August 10th from 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, August 11th from 1:00 – 5:30 pm, and August 12th from 8:30 am – 5:30 pm
- Meyer Ace Hardware, Petoskey on August 11th from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm
- Bridge Street Tap Room, Charlevoix on August 13th from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- Friske's Farm Market, Ellsworth on August 13th from 2:00 - 3:30 pm

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. If you are a resident in Luce, Mackinaw, Alger, or Schoolcraft

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counties, please contact the LMAS District Health Department at 906-643-1100 with questions or concerns.

"Trends we are seeing in recent cases include many cases happening in people of younger ages. We have also seen the cases connected to food facilities in some way, whether staff or patrons, in addition to an increased number of low risk public exposure sites," shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "All of this reminds us that COVID-19 is present all around our community. It is critical that each person do their part to prevent the spread of this illness in our communities."

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 41, Charlevoix – 54, Emmet – 80, 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 94,278 cases and 6,349 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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