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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported 13 new confirmed cases on August 22nd in Antrim (3), Charlevoix (6), and Emmet (4) counties. On August 23rd we reported 5 new confirmed cases in Charlevoix (1) and Emmet (4) counties. Today we are reporting 3 new confirmed cases in Emmet (2) and Otsego (1) counties. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared once it is available.

This week we are offering free, drive-thru testing Wednesday August 26th from 10 am – 3 pm at the Emmet County Fairgrounds, and Thursday August 27th from 10 am – 3 pm at 831 Porter Street, East Jordan in partnership with the National Guard. Testing is available to any Michigan resident, and no appointment or doctors order is necessary. Results will be available online via portal, and any individual with a positive test result will be called by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Today we are reporting case investigation information for 18 confirmed COVID-19 cases. All 18 cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed between August 22nd – 24th.

- 13 of the 18 cases are primary residents
- 5 of the 17 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:
 - 13-19 years – 3 cases
 - 20-29 years – 3 case
 - 30-39 years – 2 cases
 - 40-49 years – 2 cases
 - 50-59 years – 4 cases
 - 60-69 years – 1 case
 - 70-79 years – 2 case
 - 80-89 years – 1 case
- Symptomatic: 13 cases; Asymptomatic: 5 cases
- 4 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 50 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

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

- Kilwin's Bayview location on August 13th from 11:30 am – 5 pm
- Cutler's Clothing, Petoskey on August 13th and 14th from 9:30 am – 5:30 pm, and August 16th from 12:30 – 4 pm

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- Knot Just a Bar, Bay Harbor on August 17th from 1:00-10:30 pm, and August 19th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

The businesses have been contacted, and they 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.

“We are looking forward to continuing to expand testing access in our communities in partnership with the National Guard,” stated Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. “With our cases continuing to rise locally, we know there is a need for more testing across our region. We hope our residents and any visitors take advantage of this opportunity to get tested without any barriers.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 46, Charlevoix – 62, Emmet – 98, Otsego – 118
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 32, Charlevoix – 35, Emmet – 25, Otsego – 100
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 97,660 cases and 6,397 deaths; and as of August 21st, cumulative recovered cases: 72,580.

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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