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### **Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update**

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 2 new confirmed cases in Charlevoix (1) and Otsego (1) counties. Today we are also reporting a reduction of one confirmed case in Emmet county. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared once it is available.

Social gatherings continue to present a higher risk of transmission. During case investigations many new cases in our four counties have reported attending social gatherings, and in many cases this leads to more close contacts instructed to isolate and self-monitor. It is necessary that everyone attending gatherings take the required safety precautions to protect themselves and prevent the spread of COVID-19. As a reminder if you must attend a social gathering of any size,

- Maintain six feet of distance from individuals outside your household
- Wear a mask around individuals outside your household, especially when six feet of distance cannot be maintained
- Frequently wash or sanitize your hands
- If indoors, the gathering or event cannot exceed 10 people.
- If outdoors, the gathering or event cannot exceed 250 people.

“It has been a long stretch since early March when COVID-19 first showed up in our state, and it is important to remember all that we have learned and gained throughout the last several months,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We do know that gatherings and congregate living settings continue to be at high risk of transmission and outbreak and new cases have reported many close contacts, some as high as 20 contacts. It is necessary that regardless of age we all continue to take every safety precaution seriously to protect ourselves as our communities from this virus.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 46, Charlevoix – 63, Emmet – 97, Otsego – 119
- 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 98,439 cases and 6,417 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](http://nwhealth.org).*

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