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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 3 new confirmed cases in Charlevoix (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 six confirmed COVID-19 cases. All six cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed between August 26th – 27th.

- 4 of the 6 cases are primary residents
- 2 of the 6 cases is a non-resident, but is 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:
 - 60-69 years – 2 case
 - 70-79 years – 4 cases
- Symptomatic: 4 cases; Asymptomatic: 2 cases
- Zero cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 10 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine
- No public locations were identified as potential public exposure sites

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, stated, “I find it to be encouraging to remember that although we have remained open at a higher level than the rest of the state in Phase 5, the efforts of our community have allowed us to maintain a medium level of transmission risk. We need to keep our vigilant focus on the protective measures that have helped us get this far: masking, distancing, hand hygiene, and following rules in place for facilities and gatherings.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 47, Charlevoix – 66, Emmet – 102, Otsego – 121
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 35, Charlevoix – 35, Emmet – 48, Otsego – 102
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 99,958 cases and 6,440 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

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[Michigan COVID-19 Test Finder website](#). To track the risk levels of COVID-19 pandemic indicators, visit the [MI Safe Start Map website](#).

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