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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 Emmet (1) and Otsego (1) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

For the upcoming flu season, the flu vaccine will be very important because it has the potential to reduce the overall impact of respiratory illnesses on our population, and thus lessen the additional burden on the healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic. A flu vaccine may also provide several other health benefits, including preventing you from getting sick with flu, reducing the severity of your illness if you do get flu, and reducing your risk of a flu-associated hospitalization. For more information visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2020-2021.htm>

“During the Governor’s press conference last week, we heard from several experts about the importance of the flu vaccine this season,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “The President of the Michigan Hospital Association reminded everyone that the hospitals are concerned about flu-surge as well as COVID-19 and reminded us of the tools we have to fight influenza, which we don’t yet have for COVID-19. Locally, we are starting to receive our first shipments of the flu vaccine and we are busy planning our strategies for holding drive-thru community flu clinics in the safest and most efficient way.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 53, Charlevoix – 68, Emmet – 117, Otsego – 125
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 37, Charlevoix – 43, Emmet – 49, Otsego – 103
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 3, Emmet – 3, Otsego – 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 103,710 cases and 6,509 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](#). To track the risk levels of COVID-19 pandemic indicators, visit the [MI Safe Start Map 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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