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

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 4 new confirmed cases in Charlevoix (1), Emmet (1) and Otsego (2) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

We have been told that upon notification of a positive COVID-19 test, some individuals have been bullied, shamed, and received negative comments. We hope that anyone involved in those activities will recognize that these types of interactions are counterproductive and can cause more stress and conflict. The majority of residents and businesses are trying to do the right thing when it comes to safety precautions to protect their community while trying to keep their business open and families healthy. This pandemic is difficult for everyone and the best thing we can do is support each other and be kind.

“With the holiday weekend starting, we would like to remind residents and visitors to continue with their safety precautions, like keeping gatherings small, try to gather outside, do not share food or drinks, social distance from non-household members, wash hands frequently, and/or have hand sanitizer,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Lastly, please remember to be kind to everyone and enjoy your holiday weekend.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 53, Charlevoix – 69, Emmet – 118, Otsego – 129
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 37, Charlevoix – 45, Emmet – 50, Otsego – 104
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 3, Emmet – 3, Otsego – 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 105,377 cases and 6,526 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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