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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) and Emmet (3) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

Last week Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order [2020-176](#), lifting restrictions that previously did not allow certain organized sports to be played. Yesterday, Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order [2020-180](#) further clarifying the use and wear of face masks and face coverings in order to play sports. The executive order states that athletes training, practicing, or competing in an organized sport must wear a facial covering (except when swimming) or they must consistently maintain 6 feet of social distance as much as possible.

“Today marks six months since Michigan’s first case of COVID-19 and we have learned so much since March,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “When community transmission is present, as indicated by increasing cases and positivity rates, then all of us are at increased risk when in close contact with others. It is important to approach these newly allowed activities with caution as over 30 outbreaks in Michigan have been associated with sports teams and athletic facilities.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 55, Charlevoix – 77, Emmet – 125, Otsego – 135
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 40, Charlevoix – 50, Emmet – 65, Otsego – 105
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 3, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 11

The State of Michigan has reported 109,519 cases and 6,569 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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