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

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported 5 new confirmed cases on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> in Charlevoix (2), Emmet (1), and Otsego (1) counties. On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> we reported 2 new confirmed cases in Emmet (1) and Otsego (1) counties. Today we are reporting 0 new confirmed cases.

We have been getting questions surrounding what is allowable under the latest executive orders from the office of the Governor in terms of social events and gatherings. According to [Executive Order 2020-181](#), in order to limit the spread of COVID-19 in indoor spaces, indoor social gatherings and organized events among persons not part of the same household remain limited to 10 people or fewer statewide. We have created a [social gathering and event best practices document](#) to provide additional support to individuals planning events during this time. We ask that anyone planning an event utilize this document first and if more guidance is needed, please call 1-800-432-4121 for support.

Today we are reporting case investigation information for six confirmed COVID-19 cases. All of the six cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations conducted between September 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>. The information known at this time is below:

- 6 of the 6 cases are primary residents
- Age:
  - 20-29 years – 1 cases
  - 30-39 years- 3 cases
  - 40-49 years – 1 cases
  - 50-59 years – 1 cases
- Symptomatic: 6 cases; Asymptomatic: 0 cases
- 2 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 35 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

During case investigations, the following locations were identified as potential low-risk, public exposure sites.

- Walmart, Gaylord on September 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 2:30 pm
- Pond Hill Farm, Harbor Springs on September 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5:30 pm
- D&W Market, Petoskey on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:00 pm

All locations have been contacted and are working with the health department to ensure their employees and customers are safe. If you have questions about testing or about your potential exposure, please call the health department at 1-800-432-4121.

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“We have expressed many times that we expect to see increases in cases. It is apparent that there is widespread community transmission of COVID-19 across the entire region and that close contact between people results in increased risk,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We can slow the spread COVID-19 but only by layering simple safety precautions like washing your hands, wearing the mask or face covering correctly, and stay six feet away from individual outside your household.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 57, Charlevoix – 81, Emmet – 127, Otsego – 138
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 40, Charlevoix – 52, Emmet – 78, Otsego – 105
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 3, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 112,612 cases and 6,601 deaths; and as of September 11<sup>th</sup>, cumulative recovered cases: 85,513.

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](#).

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