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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported 7 new confirmed cases on Saturday, September 19th in Charlevoix (1), Emmet (2), Otsego (4) counties. On Sunday, September 20th we reported 4 new confirmed cases in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (1), and Otsego (2) counties. Today we are reporting 1 new confirmed case in Emmet county. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

Today we are reporting case investigation information for 11 COVID-19 cases. All of the 11 cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations conducted between September 17th - 21st. The information known at this time is below:

- 11 of the 11 cases are primary residents
- Age:
 - 20-29 years – 2 cases
 - 30-39 years- 2 cases
 - 40-49 years – 1 case
 - 50-59 years – 1 case
 - 60-69 years – 3 cases
 - 70-79 years – 2 cases
- Symptomatic: 10 cases; Asymptomatic: 1 case
- 3 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 34 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

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

- Side Door Saloon, Petoskey on September 8th - September 14th from 12:00 – 8:00 pm
- Family Fare, Gaylord on September 14th from 6:00 – 10:00 am
- Fraternal Order of Eagles, Petoskey on September 11th from 5:30 – 10:00 pm, September 12th from 11:30 am – 11:00 pm, and September 13th from 12:00 – 8:00 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.

“We would like to remind everyone that if they feel sick, please stay home,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We have been noticing with our new cases that there are more close contacts which is leading to outbreaks or clusters of cases. All of us need to continue to layer the mitigation measures that are in place to protect us by wearing our masks, washing our hands, keeping our distance and being thoughtful about how and where we spend our time.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 59, Charlevoix – 85, Emmet – 138, Otsego – 149
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 47, Charlevoix – 60, Emmet – 92, Otsego – 108
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 3, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 117,406 cases and 6,665 deaths; and as of September 18th, cumulative recovered cases: 90,216.

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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