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

The Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided some [updated guidance](#) for individuals and communities who are starting to plan fall and winter activities. The guidance offers strategies to keep COVID-19 risk as low as possible during travel and gatherings to help protect the community. It is important that event organizers and attendees consider the risk of viral spread based on event size and use of mitigation strategies when planning or attending an event.

“Following these mitigation strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19, if everyone does their part,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We absolutely can and must think about our neighbor during this difficult time. Some of us encounter plenty of opportunities to help through our work but all of us have the opportunity to help someone, sometime.”

Today we are reporting case investigation information for 9 COVID-19 cases. All of the 9 cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations conducted between September 21st - 22nd. The information known at this time is below:

- 8 of the 9 cases are primary residents
- 1 of the 9 cases is a non-resident but is being counted here because: (1) they are staying at a second/summer home in our jurisdiction, (2) a long-term stay in our jurisdiction, or (3) in our jurisdiction prior to testing, and while quarantined and recovering
- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 1 case
 - 20-29 years – 1 case
 - 30-39 years- 1 case
 - 40-49 years – 2 cases
 - 60-69 years – 3 cases
 - 70-79 years – 1 case
- Symptomatic: 8 cases; Asymptomatic: 1 case
- 2 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 32 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

During case investigations, the following location was identified as a potential low-risk, public exposure sites.

- Side Door Saloon, Petoskey on September 16th - 19th from 4:00 – 10:30 pm

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The business has been contacted and is 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.

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 60, Charlevoix – 85, Emmet – 140, 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 117,910 cases and 6,680 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](#).

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