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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 9 new confirmed cases in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (7), and Emmet (1) counties. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

On September 22, the [MI Safe Start Map website](#) switched to a new set of names for the risk levels, and a new color scheme. The revised names and color scheme are intended to reduce confusion with the state's Economic Recovery Phases associated with the MI Safe Start Plan. Currently the Traverse City Region, which includes all four counties within our jurisdiction, is in the risk level B. Cases in this region have been declining for the past 24 days, and the percent of positive tests has also been decreasing.

“Our staff is working hard to provide accurate and timely data for the community,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Every case is unique and requires a case investigation to determine county of residence and close contacts. Cases might increase and decrease after case investigation, and this fluctuating ebb and flow pattern across the state reminds us that COVID remains in our communities, ready to rise up at any time. The goal of our response is to work to quickly identify and contain these flares before they can erupt into devastating fires.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 61, Charlevoix – 92, Emmet – 141, Otsego – 149
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 52, Charlevoix – 62, Emmet – 96, Otsego – 109
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 3, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 118,615 cases and 6,692 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.

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