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

Today we are reporting the following locations that were identified during case investigations as potential low-risk, public exposure sites.

- Avalanche Bay Water Park, Boyne Falls on September 11th from 3:30 – 9:00 pm, September 13th from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, September 18th from 3:30 – 9:00 pm, and September 19th from 9:30 – 11:00 am
- Family Fare, Gaylord on September 14th and 15th from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm, and September 16th from 7:30 am – 12:00 pm
- Family Fare, Roscommon on September 16th from 12:30 – 4:30 pm, and September 17th 8:00 – 6:00 pm
- Alpine Tavern & Eatery, Gaylord on September 16th from 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- Eagles Club, Petoskey on September 18th from 5:30 – 7:00pm
- Southwoods Pub and Grill, Petoskey on September 18th from 7:00 – 8:30 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.

Yesterday, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released [recommendations for Halloween festivities](#) and how to celebrate safely in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. While we understand this is a seasonal event that brings joy to our communities, we want to remind our residents to enjoy their Halloween celebrations while following masking, distancing, and handwashing or sanitizing guidelines in order to protect themselves and their neighbors.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, stated, “it is our hope that our communities can find balance and resilience through some degree of normalizing the mitigation measures we may be living with for a while. Periodic school absences, flexible employment policies, limited gathering sizes, and cloth face coverings may be part of our world for an undetermined period of time, and perhaps our collective acceptance of this will allow us to take important steps forward with positivity and resilience. I know in northern Michigan we have what it takes – people who care, strong partnerships and experience, patience and kindness.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 62, Charlevoix – 96, Emmet – 142, Otsego – 152

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- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 53, Charlevoix – 65, Emmet – 99, Otsego – 110
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 3, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 120,526 cases and 6,708 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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