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

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 7 new confirmed case in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (1), Emmet (3), and Otsego (2) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

We want to remind residents that we can slow the spread of COVID-19 by staying home when sick, masking, distancing, and regularly handwashing or sanitizing. Following these steps can keep each of us healthy and keep our schools and local businesses open. If you choose to get tested for COVID-19, you should be limiting your interactions with others while waiting for your results and you should not leave home unless for a medical emergency. Please refer to the [MDHHS guidance](#) outlining what you should and should not do if you choose to get tested.

“According to the [mistartmap.info](#) website, in Michigan, both positivity rate and new cases remain in a downward trend over at least 1 week,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “The positivity rate in the Traverse City region continues to remain low and the daily cases/million have been generally trending downward since our highest peak in mid-August. This data points show that our efforts are working and the importance of continuing these efforts of wearing a mask, stay six feet away from others outside our household, and washing our hands.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 64, Charlevoix – 97, Emmet – 148, Otsego – 158
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 53, Charlevoix – 67, Emmet – 107, Otsego – 112
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 3, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 124,687 cases and 6,762 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](http://nwhealth.org).*

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