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The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 6 new confirmed cases in Charlevoix (1) Emmet (2) and Otsego (3) counties. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

Today we are reporting case investigation information for 8 cases of COVID-19. All 8 cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed between September 28th - 29th.

- 8 of the 8 cases are primary residents
- Age:
 - 13-19 years – 1 case
 - 20-29 years – 2 cases
 - 50-59 years – 1 case
 - 60-69 years – 3 cases
 - 70-79 years – 1 case
- Symptomatic: 6 cases; Asymptomatic: 2 cases
- 3 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 90 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine
- No public locations were identified as potential exposure sites during case investigations [U1]

Local health departments are now required to report school outbreak information to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services weekly and it is posted every Monday at www.michigan.gov/coronavirus. “When cases are associated with a school district, we work very closely with building and district leaders to assure case investigation and contract tracing can be completed as quickly as possible so that those who need it receive instruction for isolation and quarantine,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. “We will not be reporting details regarding school cases or outbreaks routinely in our local daily updates because schools tend to have a contained population and maintain records of entry into their buildings which allows us to complete case investigation and contact tracing efficiently.” She added every investigation is unique and there could be exceptions to this, especially if large events are involved.

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 63, Charlevoix – 98, Emmet – 151, Otsego – 162
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 53, Charlevoix – 67, Emmet – 107, Otsego – 117

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- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 3, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 12

The State of Michigan has reported 139,012 cases and 7,102 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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