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

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 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>:

- 6 of the 6 cases are primary residents
- Age:
  - 20-29 years – 1 case
  - 40-49 years – 2 cases
  - 50-59 years – 2 cases
  - 60-69 years – 1 case
- Symptomatic: 6 cases
- Over 23 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, reports the agency has received many inquiries for safety precautions for celebrating typical fall occasions like Halloween. “As with so many other milestones, holidays, and celebrations, this year just feels different,” she said. “The CDC, MDHHS, and our local health departments have put together some information to help everyone keep their celebrations safe. From incorporating masks into costumes and socially distanced Halloween parades, there are ideas to remind us to stack up our mitigation measures and precautions to keep us closer to safe than risky on the continuum! Please see the health department websites at [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org) for details. Most of all, let’s try to remember that everyone is feeling loss – the loss of many of our treasured celebrations and loss of our feeling of security in the world. It is a time to be patient with each other and to remember that there are better days ahead. We need to keep asking ourselves, what can we take with us from this experience that will make our tomorrows even better? Together, our communities will build strength and resilience!”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 63, Charlevoix – 99, Emmet– 152, Otsego – 163
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 53, Charlevoix – 68, Emmet – 109, Otsego – 120
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 3, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 12

The State of Michigan has reported 139,996 cases and 7,110 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](#).