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

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting three new confirmed cases in Emmet (2) and Otsego (1) counties today.

Yesterday, completed case investigations were reported in error as new cases in our total, although aggregate numbers were correct (found at the end of press releases). From Saturday, October 3 through Monday, October 5, there were 13 new COVID-19 cases: On Saturday, October 3, there were 8 new cases, in Charlevoix (1), Emmet (5) and Otsego (2) counties. On Sunday, October 4, there were 3 new cases, in Charlevoix (1) and Emmet (2) counties. On Monday, October 5, there were 2 new cases, in Charlevoix (1) and Emmet (1) counties.

Robert Gordon, Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, used his authority under Michigan laws to sustain some requirements in Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders that were struck down last week by the Michigan Supreme Court. His Emergency Order requires continuation of important mitigation measures including masking and limitations on gathering sizes. This order is in effect until October 30, 2020. "We are still in the midst of a global pandemic. The best steps each of us can take to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are to wear a facemask in public, avoid large gatherings of people, stay 6 feet away from others outside your household, and wash your hands often," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "COVID-19 is dispersed through respiratory droplets and these safety measures prevent the spread of the virus. We encourage everyone to continue to follow these important steps to protect yourself, your loved ones, and the community from COVID-19."

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 63, Charlevoix – 102, Emmet – 161, Otsego – 167
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 55, Charlevoix – 73, Emmet – 110, Otsego – 122
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 4, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 12.

The State of Michigan is reporting 143,878 cases and 7,161 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](#). To track the risk levels of COVID-19 pandemic indicators, visit the [MI Safe Start Map](#).