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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 Antrim (4) and Otsego (2) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

So far this week, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has issued three new Emergency Orders to continue the pandemic mitigation strategies for businesses and residents of Michigan. The first Emergency Order maintained some of the major areas of mitigation including masking and limitations on gathering limits. One of the subsequent Emergency Orders provided the details of requirements for school reporting of COVID-19 case, and the other addressed safety precautions for residential care facilities such as nursing homes, other adult living facilities, and substance use disorder residential facilities. These Emergency Orders are statewide and remain in effect through October 30th, 2020. We urge all residents to comply with the latest Emergency Orders and take all safety precautions seriously to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

“We must not lose sight of the hard work we have done to get to this point. While our local cases and positivity rate are low and our hospital capacity continues to be manageable, we will continue to carefully watch for change while we evaluate additional orders and direction from State authorities. However, we are always prepared to change our strategy should the need arise as we have throughout the pandemic response,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We would like everyone to remember that no matter what orders or rules are in place, nothing replaces the effort of each of us doing our part to reduce the risk for our families and our communities.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 67, Charlevoix – 102, Emmet – 161, Otsego – 169
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 56, Charlevoix – 73, Emmet – 110, Otsego – 122
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 4, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 12.

The State of Michigan has reported 130,842 cases and 6,847 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.

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