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

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

Today we are reporting case investigation information for 7 COVID-19 cases. All 7 cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The information known at this time is below:

- 7 of the 7 cases are primary residents
- Age:
  - 30-39 years – 1 case
  - 40-49 years – 2 cases
  - 60-69 years – 4 cases
- Symptomatic: 7 cases; Asymptomatic: 0 cases
- 1 case linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 56 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

During case investigations, the following restaurants were identified as potential low-risk, public exposure sites.

- Pelican's Nest, Bellaire on October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 pm

All restaurants have been contacted and are working with the health department to ensure their employees and customers are safe. If you have questions about testing or about your potential exposure, please call the health department at 1-800-432-4121.

“While our 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. We have come so far together, and our region has remained open at the highest level in the state throughout the summer and fall. We should recognize that this can only happen with widespread cooperation and respect for the safety measures that have protected us all,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer.

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 70, Charlevoix – 102, Emmet – 163, Otsego – 171
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 56, Charlevoix – 74, Emmet – 112, Otsego – 122
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 4, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 12.

The State of Michigan has reported 132,039 cases and 6,869 deaths.

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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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