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

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

Regular and quick access to testing remains a top priority as we have started to see increases in cases and hospitalizations in Michigan. This week, we provided two drive-thru testing opportunities for Michigan residents in partnership with the National Guard. During the first day of testing, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Emmet County Fairgrounds, 212 people were tested resulting in 4 positives. Information from the drive-thru testing in Boyne City yesterday will be provided when available.

“Although there has been speculation around the validity or even the need for the latest orders requiring safety precautions, this is an important time for us to all step back and remember why these safety precautions are important,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “The CovidActNow.org website shows us that the number of states in the red ‘imminent or current outbreak’ status has grown from 8 to 10 to 13 over the past few weeks. The contagious nature of this illness and the high percentage of people who experience it without symptoms make it especially dangerous for the vulnerable members of our population. It is for all of these reasons that we just can’t give up now.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 80, Charlevoix – 117, Emmet – 168, Otsego – 178
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 59, Charlevoix – 82, Emmet – 124, Otsego – 133
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 4, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 12.

The State of Michigan has reported 143,106 cases and 6,987 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](http://nwhealth.org).*

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