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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 8 new confirmed cases in Antrim (2), Charlevoix (1), and Otsego (5) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

Each year the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) tracks influenza cases sharing data in weekly Flu Focus reports. The [latest report](#) shares influenza data for the week ending October 3rd, 2020, and an archive of past flu season reports can be found [here](#). The state is also providing a [dashboard](#) with information regarding vaccination status compared to last flu season and the target goal the state has set for the 2020-2021 flu season, and additional influenza resources and data can be found by visiting www.Michigan.gov/flu. We continue to add new dates and locations for flu vaccination clinics in our jurisdiction and encourage residents to call 1-800-432-4121 to locate and schedule an appointment. Free or low-cost vaccine is available for those who are under or uninsured.

“According to the [Michigan.gov influenza statistics dashboard](#), vaccine dosages administered this year is lower compared to both last year and the state of Michigan 2020-2021 goal. As we are still dealing with the COVID-19 virus locally, statewide and nationally, we cannot stress enough that our residents locate and receive a flu vaccine this year,” shared, Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. “We all need to continue to practice COVID-19 mitigation strategies and receive the flu vaccination to protect ourselves and our neighbors and to ensure that our hospitals can handle any increase to their census.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 90, Charlevoix – 124, Emmet – 178, Otsego – 191
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 60, Charlevoix – 86, Emmet – 126, Otsego – 139
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 4, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 12.

The State of Michigan has reported 147,806 cases and 7,031 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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