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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 9 new confirmed cases in Antrim (5), Emmet (1), Otsego (3) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

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

- Charlevoix State Bank, Downtown Charlevoix location on October 13th and 14th from 8:30 am – 5:15 pm, October 15th from 7:00 am – 5:15 pm, and October 16th from 8:30 am – 6:15 pm
- Charlevoix Fitness Center, Charlevoix on October 15th from 3:45 – 4:30 pm, and October 16th from 2:15 – 3:30 pm
- Ace Hardware, Charlevoix on October 16th from 6:15 - 6:45 pm
- Jay's Sporting Goods, Gaylord on October 18th from 11:30 am – 5:00 pm
- Meijer Pharmacy, Gaylord on October 20th from 12:00 – 12:30 pm

All businesses 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.

Today, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon issued an [Emergency Order](#) that updates and further expands requirements for residential care facilities, while also permitting indoor visitation in residential care facilities in certain circumstances. [Infographic](#). COVID-19 can be spread by people who do not have symptoms and do not know that they are infected. Masks may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Masks, when worn over the nose and mouth, reduce the spray of respiratory droplets when the person wearing them coughs, sneezes, talks, or shouts.

“We are pleased that MDHHS continues to prioritize the health and safety of those residing in congregate care settings,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Michigan continues to see many outbreaks around the state related to long term facilities but we also understand the importance of being able to visit safely with loved ones. While this pandemic continues to rage on across the country, we are learning more every day and our knowledge of age-old public health strategies like social distancing, wearing a mask, and proper hand washing.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 95, Charlevoix – 124, Emmet – 179, Otsego – 194

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- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 60, Charlevoix – 87, Emmet – 127, Otsego – 142
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 4, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 12.

The State of Michigan has reported 150,989 cases and 7,086 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](#).

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