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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported 36 new confirmed cases on Saturday, October 24th in Antrim (7), Charlevoix (13), Emmet (11), and Otsego (5) counties. On Sunday, October 25th we reported 12 new confirmed cases in Antrim (3), Charlevoix (2), Emmet (6), and Otsego (1) counties. Today, we are reporting 29 new confirmed cases in Antrim (4), Charlevoix (6), Emmet (15) and Otsego (4) 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 97 confirmed COVID-19 cases. 96 of the 97 cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed between October 22nd - 25th.

- 95 of 97 cases are primary residents
- 1 of 97 cases is a non-resident, but is being counted here because: (1) they are staying at a second home in our jurisdiction, (2) a long-term stay in our jurisdiction, or (3) in our jurisdiction prior to testing, and while quarantined and recovering
- 1 of the 97 cases is a non-resident counted in their primary county and state of residence
- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 5 cases
 - 13-19 years – 8 cases
 - 20-29 years – 7 cases
 - 30-39 years- 12 cases
 - 40-49 years – 26 cases
 - 50-59 years – 23 cases
 - 60-69 years – 11 cases
 - 70-79 years – 3 cases
 - 80-89 years – 2 cases
- Symptomatic: 93 cases; Asymptomatic: 4 cases
- 8 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- 1 case was inpatient status at the time of case investigation
- Over 385 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

During case investigations over 20 low-risk public exposure sites were identified and contacted. It is clear that there is community spread and we must continue to reduce our risk and prevent the spread of COVID-19 by masking, keeping a distance from others, and washing our hands regularly. Due to the rise in confirmed cases, close contacts, and associated low-risk public exposure sites, we are no longer listing low-risk public exposure sites in our press releases. These businesses will continue to be contacted by the health department to inform them of the exposure. If during case investigation an individual discloses a

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public site of exposure and our team believes there to be an increased risk of exposure, we will then release the name, date and time of the exposure.

“We have seen a significant rise in confirmed cases over the last few days across our four counties. COVID-19 is present and spreading in our communities, and residents should assume the virus may be present any time they are in public places,” shared Dr Meyerson, Medical Director. “It is important to consider reducing exposure by limiting gatherings outside your household, avoiding crowded places to keep your distance from others, and staying home if you are sick.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 113, Charlevoix – 158, Emmet – 229, Otsego – 214
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 62, Charlevoix – 90, Emmet – 134, Otsego – 146
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 4, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 12.

The State of Michigan has reported 161,907 cases and 7,211 deaths; and as of October 23rd, cumulative recovered cases: 114,939.

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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