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The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 51 new confirmed cases in Antrim (4), Charlevoix (7), Emmet (27), and Otsego (13) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

We continue to ask that anyone getting tested for COVID-19 isolate until they get their results. Recently there has been an increase in the number of reported close contacts of confirmed cases. The challenge is that the infectious period begins 2 days before the development of symptoms, so by the time a person knows they are sick they have already exposed others for a couple of days. That is why quarantine after exposure and/or testing is so important, typically if someone is maintaining quarantine when/if they develop symptoms the only people exposed are household members.

“Our health department staff is again working extended hours in order to properly and thoroughly investigate each new confirmed case of COVID-19. With a recent uptick in cases we have also seen an increase in close contacts, each contact is then called to discuss their exposure and quarantine,” shared Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. “In order to protect one another and prevent any further surge in cases, we strongly encourage our community members to keep social gatherings to a minimum, maintain a 6-foot distance from anyone outside your household, wear a mask, practice good hand hygiene, and please stay home if you are feeling sick.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 123, Charlevoix – 172, Emmet – 263, Otsego – 237
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 62, Charlevoix – 90, Emmet – 137, Otsego – 148
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 4, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 12.

The State of Michigan has reported 167,545 cases and 7,257 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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