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

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 38 new confirmed cases in Antrim (4), Charlevoix (11), Emmet (16), and Otsego (7) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 continue to surge across our Northern Michigan region. In our four-county jurisdiction, cases reported each day have risen from a week to week average of 4.3 per day, to 8.5 per day, to 26 per day over the last 21 days – a sixfold increase. We are continuing to remind residents that our best protection right now is to mask up, wash up, spread out, and stay home when you are sick.

“Many people blame or shame those who get or spread COVID-19 however cases are occurring in all counties and have been reported in all age groups. There have been outbreaks reported involving workplaces, and small and large gatherings. Community transmission is apparent throughout the area and our hospitals are reporting the highest census of COVID-19 positive cases in their facilities since the pandemic began,” stated Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. “We all have a personal responsibility to take this virus seriously in order to reduce further spread within our communities.”

Today we are reporting case investigation information for 66 confirmed COVID-19 cases. All 66 cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed between October 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>.

- 66 of 66 cases are primary residents
- Age:
  - 0-12 years – 4 cases
  - 13-19 years – 5 cases
  - 20-29 years – 13 cases
  - 30-39 years- 6 cases
  - 40-49 years – 13 cases
  - 50-59 years – 13 cases
  - 60-69 years – 7 cases
  - 70-79 years – 2 cases
  - 80-89 years – 3 cases
- Symptomatic: 63 cases; Asymptomatic: 3 cases
- 2 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 317 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 127, Charlevoix – 183, Emmet – 279, Otsego – 244

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- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 62, Charlevoix – 91, Emmet – 137, Otsego – 148
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 4, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 12.

At the time of this report, the State of Michigan had not yet updated case counts on their website. Please visit [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus) to view case counts for the state when they become available.

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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