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

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported 35 new confirmed cases on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Antrim (8), Charlevoix (11), Emmet (13), and Otsego (3) counties. Today we are reporting 26 new confirmed cases in Antrim (3), Charlevoix (5), Emmet (6), and Otsego (12) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

Many of our recent cases have been tied to social gatherings of any size. With no known source of exposure and therefore community spread evident, we must all remain vigilant and follow mitigation measures any time we leave our home. [When socializing with friends or family:](#)

- Get together outside whenever possible. Risk of transmission is increased when indoors.
- If you do get together inside, include no more than two households and never more than 10 people.
- If you feel sick, do not attend any gatherings.
- Wear a mask, removing only to eat and drink.
- Social distance away from others.

“We have been noticing an increase in cases associated with social gatherings and with the cold weather approaching, we know gatherings may move inside which naturally increases the risk,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “When socializing with friends and family take proper precautions like wearing a mask, staying home if you feel sick, social distance, and wash your hands to keep everyone safe.”

Today we are reporting case investigation information for 77 confirmed COVID-19 cases. All 77 cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed between October 31<sup>st</sup> - November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- 75 of 77 cases are primary residents
- 2 of 77 cases are non-residents, but are 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
- Age:
  - 0-12 years – 5 cases
  - 13-19 years – 7 cases
  - 20-29 years – 13 cases
  - 30-39 years- 3 cases
  - 40-49 years – 16 cases
  - 50-59 years – 15 cases
  - 60-69 years – 10 cases
  - 70-79 years – 5 cases
  - 80-89 years – 2 cases
  - 90+ years – 1 case

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- Symptomatic: 67 cases; Asymptomatic: 9 cases; Unknown at time of this report: 1
- 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 230 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 143, Charlevoix – 227, Emmet – 393, Otsego – 281
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 67, Charlevoix – 94, Emmet – 141, Otsego – 150
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 4, Emmet – 6, Otsego – 12.

The State of Michigan has reported 187,995 cases and 7,400 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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