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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 58 new confirmed cases in Antrim (11), Charlevoix (7), Emmet (20), and Otsego (20) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

A case is reported in our case count and daily update if we receive a positive COVID-19 test result prior to 3 pm that day. Once we receive positive results, our staff works to initiate contact with the confirmed case within 24 hours to begin case investigation and contact tracing. For this reason, a case may be counted in our case counts on a Monday, but their case summary will not be included until a health department employee is able to make contact with them and complete their case investigation. This may take a day or two and cause the case investigation summary to be shared a day or two after the positive case was initially reported.

We are aware that on occasion there are differences in reporting between the state and local health departments, which is usually due to people traveling between addresses in different counties such as part-time residents, seasonal workers, or college students. Occasionally, a lab will report a result in error that eventually require a correction.

“Our top priority is to release accurate and timely information to the public to help slow/stop the spread of COVID-19 and this is possible by contract tracing,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Contact tracing provides us with critical information about how the virus is spreading in our community. If you get tested for COVID-19 please be prepared to stay home until the results come back and to answer or return a call as soon as possible from our health department should you test positive.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 162, Charlevoix – 238, Emmet – 426, Otsego – 304
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 68, Charlevoix – 95, Emmet – 144, Otsego – 154
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 4, Emmet – 8, Otsego – 12.

The State of Michigan has reported 197,806 cases and 7,470 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.

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