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

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported 29 new confirmed cases on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in Antrim (3), Charlevoix (5), Emmet (14), and Otsego (7). On Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> we reported 98 new confirmed cases in Antrim (13), Charlevoix (10), Emmet (42), and Otsego (33). Today we are reporting 60 new confirmed cases in Antrim (11), Charlevoix (10), Emmet (30), and Otsego (9) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available. Due to the large volume of cases, case investigations and contract tracing, we ask anyone who is told that they tested positive for COVID-19 to self-isolate at home until the health department can reach you.

Today we are releasing [COVID-19 county profiles](#) to highlight characteristics of COVID-19 cases by county, and across our four-county jurisdiction for September and October. While the data dashboard continues to provide daily updates to COVID-19 case information, we hope the county profiles will provide additional information for residents about how the virus is impacting our counties. These reports will be shared monthly as we continue to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last Friday, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services released [recommendations for employers](#), including creating COVID preparedness plans, workplace procedures, conduct daily self-screening for staff, strengthen cleaning and disinfection procedures, and collaborate with your local health department. These recommendations are consistent with the [emergency rules](#) issued by MIOSHA and were released to help keep safe workplaces. This comes after a surge in cases across the state, and we are no exception to this locally.

“As you are likely aware, we are currently experiencing a rapid surge in cases of COVID-19 across the state, nation, and in northern Michigan,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Most of the counties in Region 6 & 8 are now in the highest risk category “E” for either the case rate, the positivity rate, or both. This reflects the current reality that there is widespread transmission of COVID-19 happening throughout our communities, including workplace settings. It is important that we all do our part to slow the spread of this virus.”

Today we are reporting case investigation information for 103 confirmed COVID-19 cases. 100 of the 103 cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed between November 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>.

- 100 of 103 cases are primary residents
- 3 of the 103 cases are non-residents, and being counted in their primary county and state of residence
- Age:
  - 0-12 years – 7 cases

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- 13-19 years – 4 cases
- 20-29 years – 13 cases
- 30-39 years - 18 cases
- 40-49 years – 20 cases
- 50-59 years – 18 cases
- 60-69 years – 12 cases
- 70-79 years – 6 cases
- 80-89 years – 5 cases
- Symptomatic: 93 cases; Asymptomatic: 10 cases
- 3 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- 6 cases are currently or were hospitalized
- Over 265 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 – 199, Charlevoix – 275, Emmet – 529, Otsego – 366
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 70, Charlevoix – 101, Emmet – 148, Otsego – 158
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Antrim – 1, Charlevoix – 5, Emmet – 13, Otsego – 12.

The State of Michigan is reporting 216,804 cases, and 7,640 deaths; and as of November 6<sup>th</sup>, cumulative recovered cases: 128,981.

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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