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

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 54 new confirmed cases in Antrim (7), Charlevoix (7), Emmet (21), and Otsego (19) 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.

As we are experiencing a surge in cases, we are asking residents to please take safety precautions and understand that COVID-19 is present throughout our communities. We are again seeing several new cases where the individual does not know how they were exposed to COVID-19. With this new surge, we need businesses and residents to help us by:

- If you are told that you have tested positive for COVID-19, you need to isolate at home for 10 days from the start of your symptoms or from the date your test was taken if you have no symptoms.
- You should notify anyone you have had close contact with (within 6 feet for a cumulative 15 minutes or more) starting 48 hours before your symptoms began and instruct them to quarantine for 14 days from their last contact with you.

“We need everyone to understand and share this information because you may not hear from the health department in a timely way as we begin to prioritize cases,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We are pleading with our communities to step up to this challenge – without a vaccine yet, isolation and quarantine are our most effective tools to slow down the spread of COVID-19. We have flattened the curve before with these safety precautions and we ask everyone to not give up and to do their part.”

Today we are reporting case investigation information for 189 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Of the 189 cases, 187 are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed between November 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>.

- 187 of 189 cases are primary residents
- 2 of the 189 cases is a non-resident being counted in their primary county and state of residence
- Age:
  - 0-12 years – 11 cases
  - 13-19 years – 11 cases
  - 20-29 years – 20 cases
  - 30-39 years - 34 cases
  - 40-49 years – 30 cases
  - 50-59 years – 36 cases
  - 60-69 years – 31 cases
  - 70-79 years – 9 cases
  - 80-89 years – 6 cases

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- 90-99 years – 1 case
- Symptomatic: 177 cases; Asymptomatic: 12 cases
- 18 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- 8 cases are currently or were hospitalized
- Over 410 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 – 237, Charlevoix – 306, Emmet – 644, Otsego – 457
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 78, Charlevoix – 111, Emmet – 156, Otsego – 163
- COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim – 1, Charlevoix – 5, Emmet – 18, Otsego – 14

The State of Michigan is reporting 244,741 cases and 7,929 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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