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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported 85 new confirmed cases on Saturday November 14th in Antrim (16), Charlevoix (14), Emmet (33), and Otsego (22) counties, and 1 new COVID-19 associated death in Antrim county. On Sunday, November 15th we reported 19 new confirmed cases in Antrim (3), Charlevoix (1), Emmet (4), and Otsego (11) counties. Case counts for today were not available at the time of this report, and will be shared in the press release tomorrow. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

Yesterday, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Gordon released a [new emergency order](#) regarding [gathering restrictions](#) and face mask requirements. This order will take effect at 12:01AM on Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 and remains in effect through December 8th, 2020. The order was issued to enact a three-week pause targeting indoor social gatherings and other group activities in an effort to curb rapidly rising COVID-19 infection rates.

“The rapid increase in COVID-19 cases and the rise in associated deaths we have seen locally is not something we take lightly. When we were charged with ‘flattening the curve’ back in the spring, we had a clear goal of protecting the healthcare system from an unmanageable surge. Not only do we need to protect the healthcare system right now, but we need to protect our economy, our schools, and our loved ones,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We ask our communities to take this three week pause seriously, it is up to each one of us to do what is right in order to prevent any additional restrictions or steps backward.”

Today we are reporting case investigation information for 70 confirmed COVID-19 cases. All 70 cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed on November 13th.

- All 70 cases are primary residents
- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 3 cases
 - 13-19 years – 4 cases
 - 20-29 years – 13 cases
 - 30-39 years – 8 cases
 - 40-49 years – 8 cases
 - 50-59 years – 17 cases
 - 60-69 years – 12 cases
 - 70-79 years – 4 cases
 - 80-89 years – 1 case
- Symptomatic: 69 cases; Asymptomatic: 1 case
- 7 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation

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- 2 cases are currently or were hospitalized
- Over 131 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 256, Charlevoix – 321, Emmet – 681, Otsego – 490
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 86, Charlevoix – 115, Emmet – 160, Otsego – 167
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim – 2, Charlevoix – 5, Emmet – 18, Otsego – 14

The State of Michigan is reporting 264,576 cases and 8,049 deaths; and as of November 13th, cumulative recovered cases: 138,862.

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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