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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported 90 new confirmed cases on Monday November 16th in Antrim (10), Charlevoix (25), Emmet (34), and Otsego (21) counties. Today we are reporting 30 new confirmed cases in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (9), Emmet (13), and Otsego (7) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

There are several ways to [celebrate Thanksgiving in a safer way](#):

- Stay within your household or your bubble. Smaller the group, the smaller the risk.
- If you have a large family or family far away, try to have a virtual party.
- If you must travel or visit with anyone outside your household, isolate before you go to reduce the risk.
- If you are sick, stay home.

“There has never been a more important time to pull together to fight against our common enemy – this virus. This is the culprit that has taken our normalcy and we have learned so much over the past months about what we need to do to fight it,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “If you aren’t sure what you can do, wear your mask everywhere you go, be mindful to stay home and away from others if you don’t feel well, resist the temptation to go to a party or a gathering in an indoor space, and support your family members and friends when they need to be quarantined.”

Today we are reporting case investigation information for 102 confirmed COVID-19 cases. All 102 cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed on November 14th - 16th.

- All 102 cases are primary residents
- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 6 cases
 - 13-19 years – 11 cases
 - 20-29 years – 11 cases
 - 30-39 years – 16 cases
 - 40-49 years – 14 cases
 - 50-59 years – 19 cases
 - 60-69 years – 16 cases
 - 70-79 years – 7 cases
 - 80-89 years – 2 case
- Symptomatic: 99 cases; Asymptomatic: 3 cases
- 11 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- 3 cases are currently or were hospitalized
- Over 285 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 267, Charlevoix – 355, Emmet – 728, Otsego – 518
- 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 – 21, Otsego – 15

The State of Michigan is reporting 272,034 cases and 8,128 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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