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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 57 new confirmed cases in Antrim (12), Charlevoix (8), Emmet (21), and Otsego (16) counties, and 2 new COVID-19 associated deaths in Antrim (1) and Emmet (1) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

We have been receiving a large number of questions about quarantine and isolation timelines related to specific scenarios that may be occurring for our residents as COVID-19 spreads in our communities. We have compiled a few resources to support our residents understanding of testing positive, self-quarantine, isolation and why these timelines may differ on an individual basis.

- Isolation versus quarantine - CDC
- Isolation and quarantine sample scenarios
- Steps to take if you test positive
- What defines a close contact?

"Locally, our hospital systems and long-term care facilities are asking for our help in protecting both the healthcare system and the vulnerable. The hospitals are not only concerned about their COVID units being full, but they are also concerned about the number of staff out of work due to illness or quarantine, further depleting their strained capacity," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Many critical infrastructure staff are being exposed to COVID-19 in the general community, often at small and private gatherings. When community transmission is this widespread, we have to regroup and revise our strategies to be most effective. This type of pivot also requires widespread community support – it is critical that everyone understands the instructions for isolation and quarantine and is able to take these steps immediately when learning of a positive test result."

As of 4 pm, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:
- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 288, Charlevoix – 387, Emmet – 764, Otsego – 552
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 94, Charlevoix – 126, Emmet – 182, Otsego – 182
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim – 4, Charlevoix – 5, Emmet – 25, Otsego – 15

The State of Michigan is reporting 285,398 cases and 8,324 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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