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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 59 new confirmed cases in Antrim (8), Charlevoix (21), Emmet (16), and Otsego (14) counties, and 2 new COVID-19 associated deaths in Emmet (1) and Otsego (1) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

Yesterday the CDC released [Thanksgiving guidance and considerations](#). We know that businesses and the education of our young people are essential for the wellbeing of the community. Schools and businesses that have been strictly adhering to state and local guidance have demonstrated the ability to maintain lower risk environments. We encourage the support of local businesses but suggest pickup and delivery whenever possible, and time spent shopping or otherwise inside indoor public spaces should be minimized. We continue to urge residents to follow the general precautions of facial covering use, social distancing, and good hygiene. By following these simple guidelines, the risk for spreading COVID-19 lowers significantly, protecting everyone who lives, works, and plays in beautiful northern Michigan.

“When community transmission is this widespread, public health and health systems have to regroup and revise our strategies to be most effective,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “For weeks public health officials have been imploring everyone to follow the necessary precautions of wearing masks, keeping distance, and limiting gatherings. As we approach the holiday, we hope that this “pause” will make a difference in the current COVID trends.”

Today we are reporting case investigation information for 107 confirmed COVID-19 cases. All 107 cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed from November 17th - 18th.

- All 107 cases are primary residents
- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 3 cases
 - 13-19 years – 8 cases
 - 20-29 years – 10 cases
 - 30-39 years – 17 cases
 - 40-49 years – 18 cases
 - 50-59 years – 20 cases
 - 60-69 years – 20 cases
 - 70-79 years – 8 cases
 - 80-89 years – 3 case
- Symptomatic: 94 cases; Asymptomatic: 13 cases
- 10 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- 5 cases are currently or were hospitalized

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- Over 180 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 – 296, Charlevoix – 408, Emmet – 780, Otsego – 566
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 99, Charlevoix – 134, Emmet – 187, Otsego – 195
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim – 4, Charlevoix – 5, Emmet – 26, Otsego – 16

The State of Michigan is reporting 295,177 cases and 8,377 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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