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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Support local restaurants and understand the risks of going out

As communities and businesses are opening, you may be looking for ways to resume some daily activities as safely as possible. While there is no way to ensure zero risk of infection, it is important to understand potential risks and how to adopt different types of prevention measures to protect yourself and to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

According to officials with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, the risk of any activity depends on many factors, such as:

- Is COVID-19 spreading in your community?
- Will you have a potential close contact with someone who is sick or anyone who is not wearing a mask (and may be asymptomatic)?
- Are you at increased risk of severe illness?
- Do you take everyday actions to protect yourself from COVID-19?

“It’s important for you to consider your own personal situation and the risk for you, your family, and your community before venturing out,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer for Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. “In general, the more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. We are happy that we can support our local restaurants with indoor dining again, yet we must continue to be cautious about making sure we are properly protecting our health and safety.”

To continue to stay safe when dining out, consider takeout service or outdoor dining, wear a mask covering your nose and mouth at all times except when eating or drinking, maintain a six-foot distance between yourself and others not within your group living together, continue to wash your hands, keep your hands away from your face, and stay home if you are sick.

The health department has provided restaurants with safety tips and materials on their [website](#).

Today, February 10, the health department is reporting 14 new cases: Antrim (2), Charlevoix (4), Emmet (8), and Otsego (0) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (884), Charlevoix (1,021), Emmet (1,455), and Otsego (1,126).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (736), Charlevoix (867), Emmet (1,195) and Otsego (958).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (19), Charlevoix (11), Emmet (35), and Otsego (25).

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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The State of Michigan is reporting 570,895 cases and 14,977 deaths.

Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department of Northwest Michigan 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](#). For more information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, visit the MDHHS [vaccine website](#) or the [CDC vaccine website](#).