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**Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update**

### **MI Safe Start Map highlights significant increase in cases**

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan continues to monitor newly diagnosed COVID cases and test positivity rates and is releasing data for Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties to demonstrate the spread of the disease in the region.

“These are two of the indicators we follow to assess the trends in the spread of COVID-19 in our community,” said Dr. Josh Meyerson, health department medical director. “Below are graphs that demonstrate the rapid increase in cases that began in mid-August and reinforce the need to continue to take measures to reduce the spread through wearing face coverings, avoiding large groups whenever possible, staying home when ill, and frequent handwashing. And, the most important way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to get vaccinated.”

The graphs are from [MI Start Map](#) and apply CDC methodology to the most up to date State of Michigan information, and can be used in accordance with [CDC's guidelines](#). The graphs show weekly cases per 100,000 population and the seven-day COVID-19 positive test rate for Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. Statewide, regional and other county information is available at [MI Safe Start Map](#).

The health department offers convenient COVID-19 vaccination clinics for all area residents and visitors 12 and older either by appointment ahead of time or simply walking in. Parent consent is required for minors. Anyone may call 800-432-4121 if they have questions or are not able to find a time or date that works for them and/or their child. Clinics offer client choice of Pfizer, Moderna or J&J unless otherwise noted. Upcoming clinics for walk-ins or appointments include:

#### **Friday, September 24**

- 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 5 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

#### **Monday, September 27**

- 8:15-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 209 Portage Dr., Bellaire. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 205 Grove

#### **Wednesday, September 29**

- 8:15-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

#### **Thursday, September 30**

- 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W Garfield Ave., Charlevoix. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

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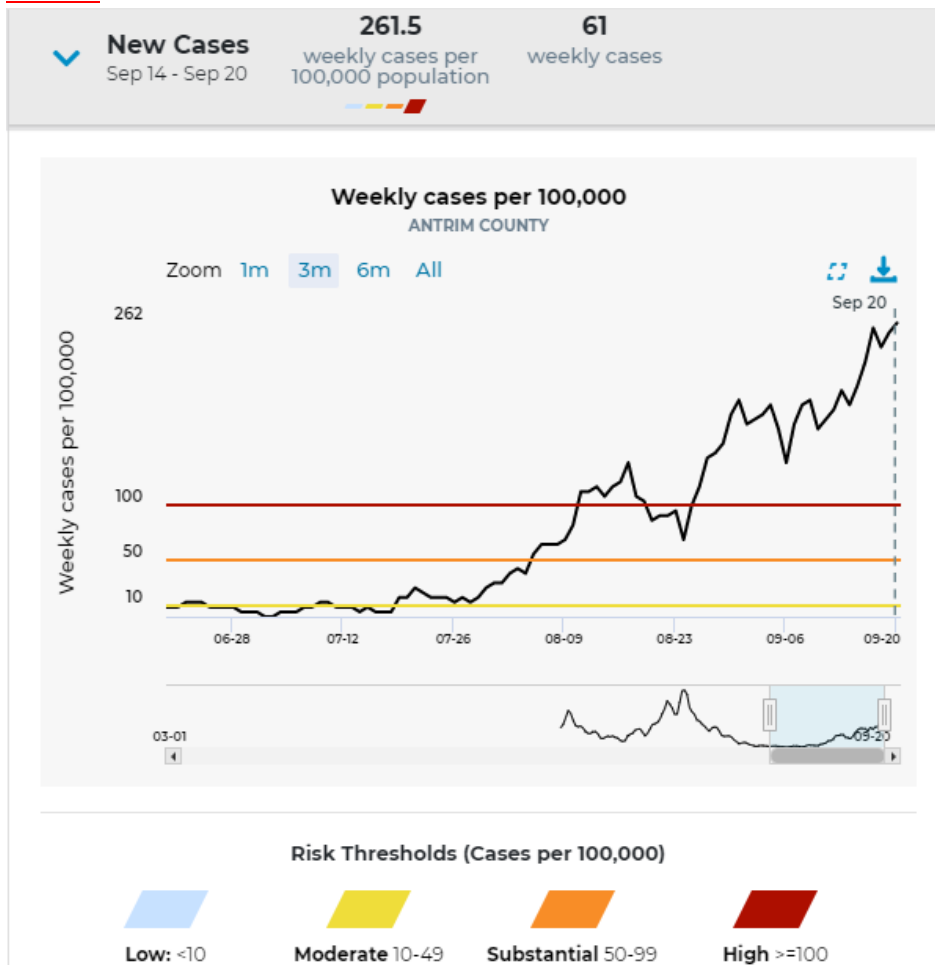
*The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information, visit [nwhealth.org](http://nwhealth.org).*

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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](#).

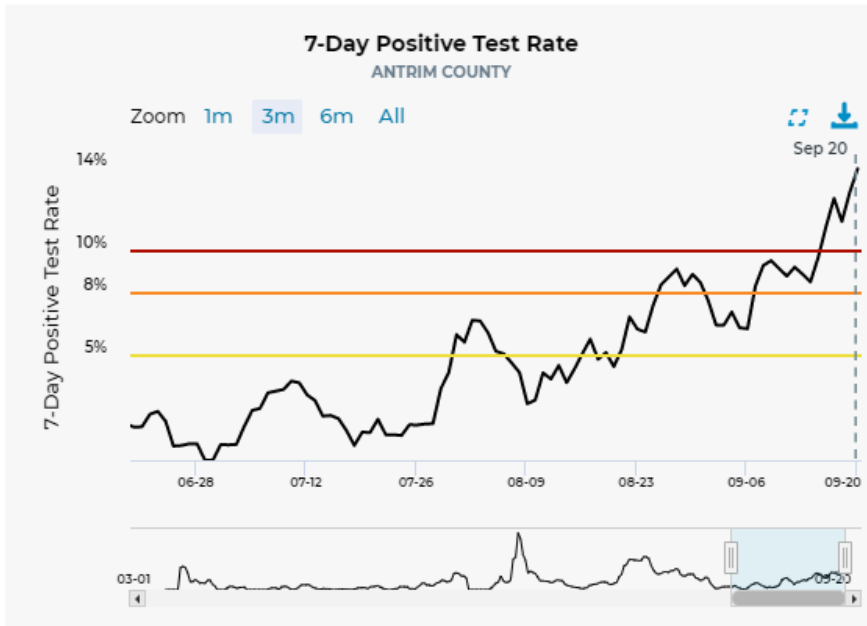
Source for all graphs: [MI Safe Start Map](#)

**Antrim:**



Test Positivity  
Sep 14 - Sep 20

13.9% positive tests  
423 tests administered



#### Risk Thresholds (% Positive)



Low: <5%



Moderate 5-<8%



Substantial 8-<10%



High >=10%

**Charlevoix:**



### New Cases

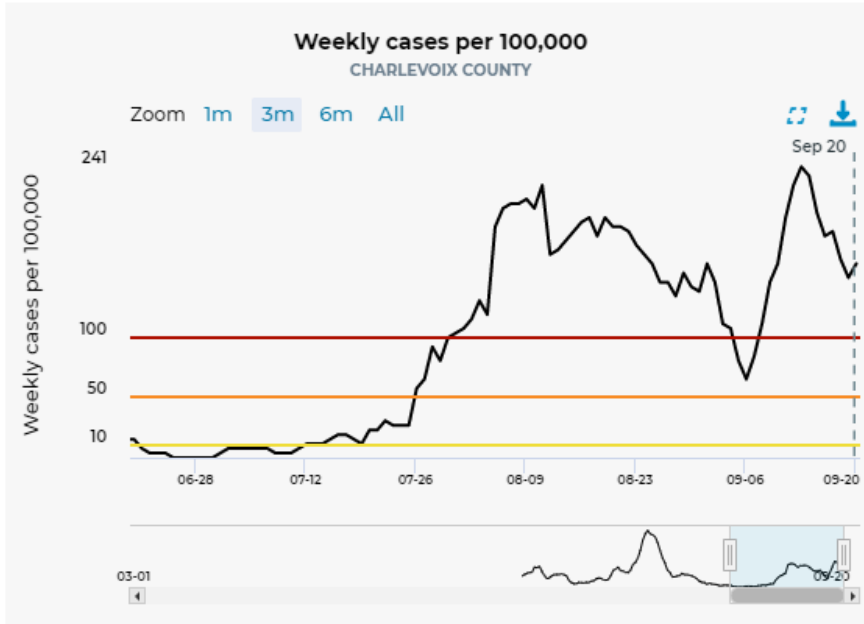
Sep 14 - Sep 20

**160.6**

weekly cases per 100,000 population

**42**

weekly cases



#### Risk Thresholds (Cases per 100,000)



Low: <10



Moderate 10-49



Substantial 50-99

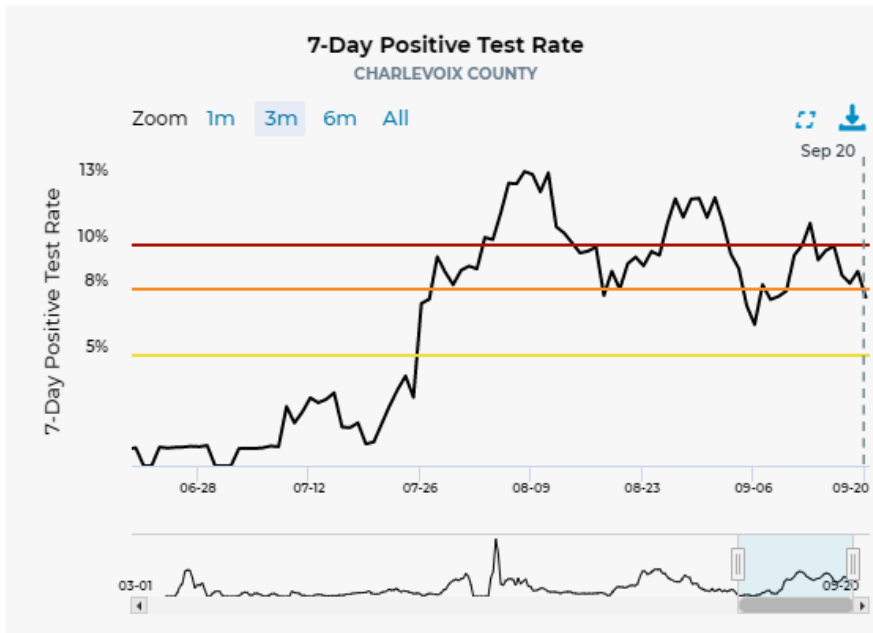


High  $\geq$ 100

Test Positivity  
Sep 14 - Sep 20

7.6%  
positive tests

406  
tests administered



#### Risk Thresholds (% Positive)



Low: <5%



Moderate 5-<8%



Substantial 8-<10%



High  $\geq$ 10%

**Emmet:**



### New Cases

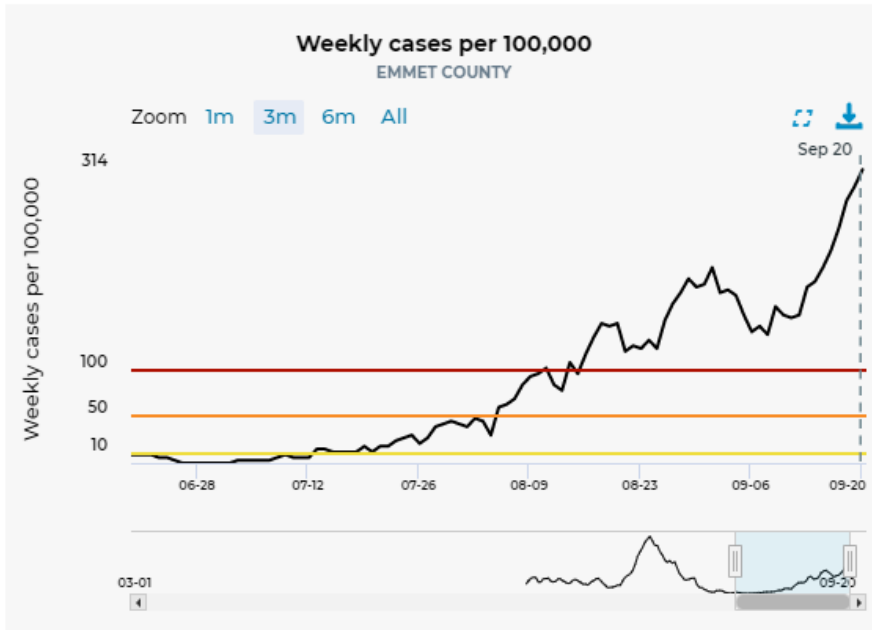
Sep 14 - Sep 20

**314.2**

weekly cases per 100,000 population

**105**

weekly cases



### Risk Thresholds (Cases per 100,000)



**Low:** <10



**Moderate** 10-49



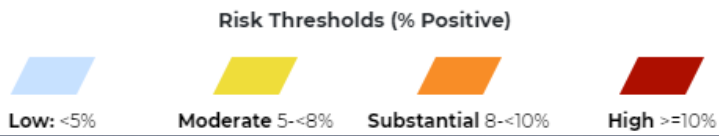
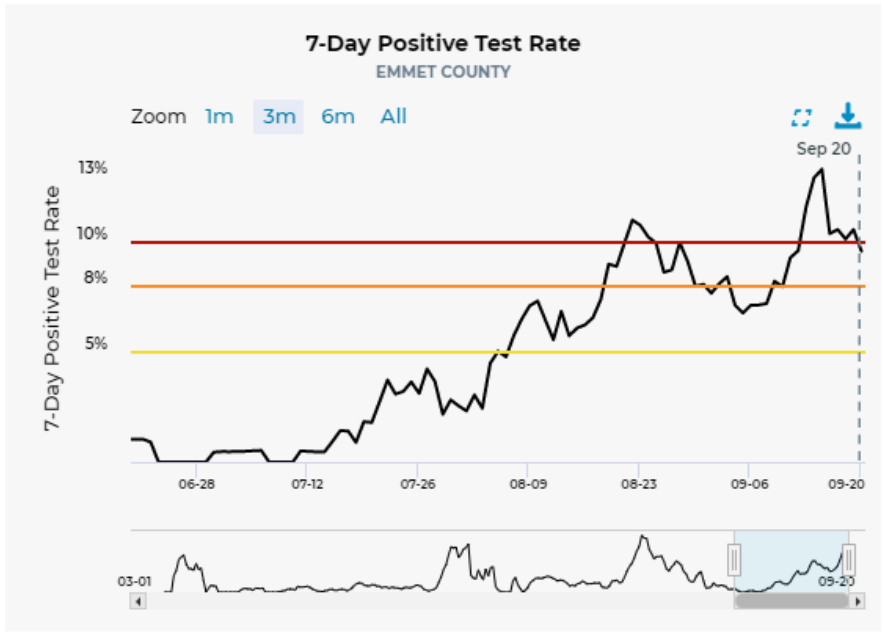
**Substantial** 50-99



**High** >=100

Test Positivity  
Sep 14 - Sep 20

9.6% positive tests  
646 tests administered



**Otsego:**



### New Cases

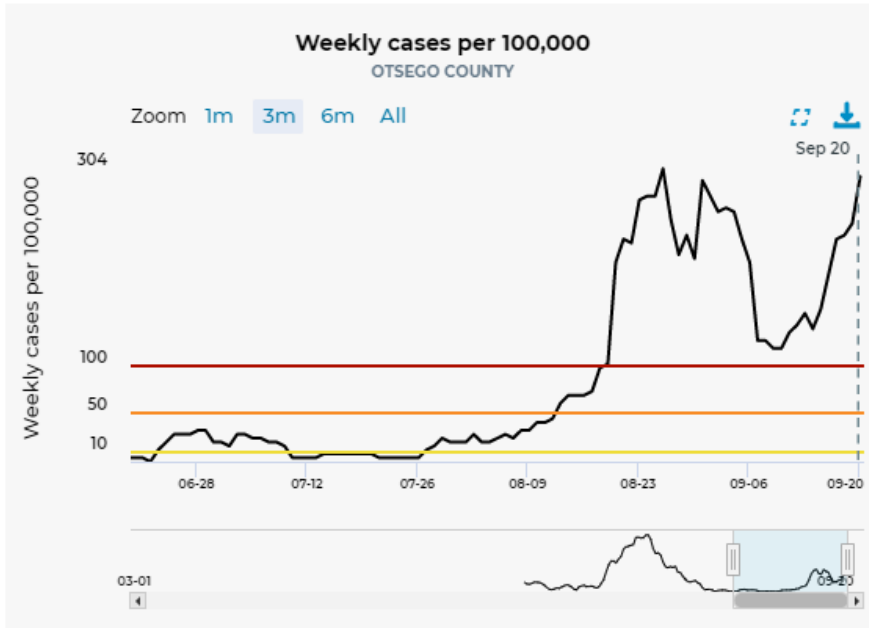
Sep 14 - Sep 20

**295.9**

weekly cases per 100,000 population

**73**

weekly cases



### Risk Thresholds (Cases per 100,000)



Low: <10



Moderate 10-49



Substantial 50-99



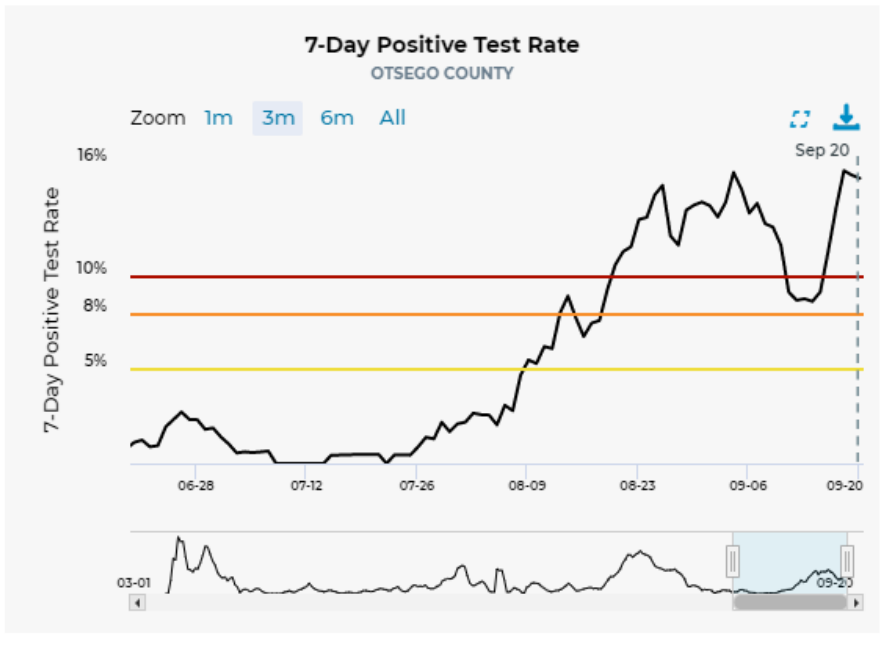
High  $\geq$ 100



✓ **Test Positivity**  
Sep 14 - Sep 20

**15.2%**  
positive tests

**564**  
tests administered



#### Risk Thresholds (% Positive)



Low: <5%



Moderate 5-<8%



Substantial 8-<10%



High >=10%

Source for all graphs: [MI Safe Start Map](#)