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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Daily Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is continuously working to provide the latest local data and information in our COVID-19 Data Dashboard to help keep our communities safe. We have received questions from residents wanting to know more information about those who have recovered from COVID-19 in our communities.

At this time, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is defining recovered as an individual who, within the Michigan Disease Surveillance System, has gone 30 days from onset of their symptoms or 30 days from testing positive with COVID-19 and has not died.

“Like many of our residents, we are eager to know that individuals are recovering from COVID-19,” shared Medical Director, Dr. Josh Meyerson. “Given that the first positive cases in our counties are just nearing their recovery timeframe – 30 days out from testing positive – we hope to be able to share more of this data soon.”

During today’s press conference, Dr. Khaldun proudly shared that some hospitals are discharging more patients than they are taking in. In order to see this positive result continue we need to stay home and stay safe! We know the more compliant we can be, the more likely we will be able to enjoy each other’s physical presence again soon.

As of 4:00pm, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 8, Charlevoix – 11, Emmet – 21, Otsego – 51; and confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 1, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 3. The State of Michigan has reported 30,023 cases and 2,227 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.