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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan wants to invite local businesses, and any individual interested in understanding the health and safety requirements of local businesses, to visit our COVID-19 Resources for Businesses page. This page is updated regularly, and just this week we have added resources for PPE procurement, a re-opening checklist, as well as links to webinars and trainings for businesses in an effort to support a safe re-opening in our region.

This weekend Michigan residents, of any county, have the opportunity to access free drive-thru testing without an appointment or doctor’s order. Through a partnership with the following local health departments and the Michigan National Guard, testing is available to residents of any county with or without symptoms at these locations:

- District Health Department #4 - Mackinaw Recreation Center, 507 W. Central Ave, Mackinaw City, MI 49701. Testing will be available from 11 am – 5 pm on Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31.
- Grand Traverse County Health Department - Turtle Creek Stadium, 333 Stadium Drive, Traverse City, MI 49685. Testing will be available from 10 am - 4 pm on Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31.

An appointment is still necessary for testing at sites within Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. Any resident wanting to get tested can call 1-800-432-4121 for assistance.

“We are grateful that in collaboration with the Michigan National Guard, local health departments are able to increase their testing capacity to test any Michigan resident that wants to be tested at these specified locations,” shared Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director. “It is important to maintain high testing capacity in order to keep up our coronavirus surveillance, as well as to understand the spread in our communities.”

As of 4:00pm, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 12, Charlevoix – 15, Emmet – 21, Otsego – 100
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 11, Charlevoix – 12, Emmet – 19, Otsego – 86
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 1, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 10.

The State of Michigan has reported 56,621 cases and 5,406 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.

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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