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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan wants to make residents aware that the testing previously conducted at Emmet County Fairground has transitioned to several other sites for community testing. We are working hard with our state, national, and local partners to continue to increase our local testing capacity. If you would like to be tested and need assistance locating a testing site, please call 1-800-432-4121.

We also want to remind residents that yesterday Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-110. This executive order lifts the Safer at Home order, allows for many businesses to re-open, and outlines specific businesses at a higher risk that must remain closed until further notice. Michigan residents must continue to wear face coverings when in enclosed public spaces and should continue to take all reasonable precautions to protect themselves, their co-workers, their loved ones, and their communities. Indoor social gatherings and events of more than 10 people are prohibited. Outdoor social gatherings and events are permitted so long as people maintain six feet of distance from one another and no more than 100 people are in attendance.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, shares, “over the last several weeks we have continued to work our way back to our new normal. As the rules become less black and white, the level of responsibility rises for each of us holds to exercise caution. While this has been a challenging time, we’ve made some sacrifices when it comes to the global pandemic and we’re seeing our numbers continue to improve, and that is cause for feeling optimistic.”

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 – 102
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 11, Charlevoix – 12, Emmet – 19, Otsego – 87
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 1, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 10.

The State of Michigan has reported 57,731 cases and 5,553 deaths; and as of May 29, cumulative recovered cases: 38,099.

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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