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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting one new case today with a primary residence in Antrim county.

Today we are reporting case investigation information for six confirmed COVID-19 cases. Of the six cases, four are being reported in our jurisdiction. The information known at this time is below:

- Three of the six cases are primary residents
- One of the six cases are non-residents, but are being counted here because: (1) they are staying at a second/summer home in our jurisdiction, (2) a long-term stay in our jurisdiction, or (3) in our jurisdiction prior to testing, and while quarantined and recovering
- Two of the six cases are non-residents, and being counted in their primary county and state of residence
- Age:
  - 20-29 years – 3 cases
  - 40-49 years – 1 case
  - 50-59 years – 2 cases
- Symptomatic: 4 cases; Asymptomatic: 2 cases
- Three cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 15 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

During case investigations, the following restaurants were identified as potential low-risk, public exposure sites.

- Pierson’s Grille & Spirits, Harbor Springs on July 12th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Barrel Back, Walloon Lake on July 13th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- TAP30, Petoskey on July 13th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Paper Station, Harbor Springs on July 15th from 7 – 9 pm

All restaurants have been contacted and are working with the health department to ensure their employees and customers are safe. If you have questions about testing or about your potential exposure, please call the health department at 1-800-432-4121.

Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director, shared, “our visitors and residents are responsible, and have been tested when they have symptoms, which is great, but we have to stress that once you get tested you should not be going out and visiting local shops and restaurants or other public spaces while waiting for test results. Anyone who gets tested for COVID-19 must remember to stay home and away from others as much as possible until they have received a negative test result, or once they have passed their isolation period as advised by the health department.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 26, Charlevoix – 36, Emmet – 40, Otsego – 109
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 13, Charlevoix – 18, Emmet – 20, Otsego – 92
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 10.

The State of Michigan has reported 72,502 cases and 6,108 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.