July 24, 2020

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 Emmet county.

Next week we will be offering free testing in Charlevoix on Monday, July 27th and Friday, July 31st from 10 – 12 pm. Testing is available by appointment only, and we anticipate results to be available within 3-4 days. Please call 1-800-432-4121 to schedule.

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

- Five of the six cases are primary residents
- One of the six cases is a non-resident, but is 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
- Age:
  - 20-29 years – 1 case
  - 30-39 years – 1 case
  - 40-49 years – 2 cases
  - 50-59 years – 2 cases
- Symptomatic: 5 cases; Asymptomatic: 1 case
- Two case linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 30 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

Through case investigation we have been made aware of a low-risk, public exposure location. Individuals present at the location and time below are being asked to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.

- Petoskey State Park beach volleyball court, July 20th games starting at 7 pm

Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director, stated, “we cannot say it enough, especially as we head into the weekend, that masking, social distancing and frequent handwashing are the best protection we have right now for COVID-19. In order to continue doing the things we like to do in our beautiful northern Michigan communities we cannot let our guard down.”
As of 4:00pm, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 30, Charlevoix – 37, Emmet – 46, Otsego – 110
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 15, Charlevoix – 18, Emmet – 21, Otsego – 93
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 10.

The State of Michigan has reported 76,541 cases and 6,151 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.