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The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting two new cases today with a primary residence in Antrim (1) and Emmet (1) counties. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress and relevant information will be shared when it becomes available.

Today we are reporting case investigation information for seven previously confirmed COVID-19 cases. The following information is from case investigations completed between August 1st - August 3rd. All seven cases were reported in our jurisdiction. The information known at this time is below:

- Five of the seven cases are primary residents
- Two of the seven cases are non-residents, but they 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
- Age:
 - 30-39 years – 1 case
 - 50-59 years – 2 cases
 - 60-69 years – 3 cases
 - 70-79 years – 1 case
- Symptomatic: 3 cases; Asymptomatic: 4 cases
- Two cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 35 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine
- No public locations identified as potential exposure sites

“We need to remember that close interactions increase risk, but strict observation of protective measures can decrease it. Finding that balance which keeps transmission in our communities manageable is an important goal that we are striving for,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We know that school staff, parents, and students all have many concerns about school reopening, viral transmission, quality of education, and many other challenges that lie ahead. The only way we can get through this is to do it together.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 37, Charlevoix – 41, Emmet – 52, Otsego – 113
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 23, Charlevoix – 27, Emmet – 25, Otsego – 96
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 10.

The State of Michigan has reported 84,707 cases and 6,221 deaths.

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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](#).

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