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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting updated case counts for yesterday, November 17th. Yesterday, we reported 30 new confirmed cases in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (9), Emmet (13), and Otsego (7) counties. Due to issues in the state reporting system, the correct case counts for yesterday include 30 additional new confirmed cases in Antrim (4), Charlevoix (10), Emmet (7), Otsego (9), and 1 new COVID-19 associated death in Antrim county. These additional cases reflect a total of 60 new confirmed cases dated November 17th.

Today we are reporting 36 new confirmed cases in Antrim (5), Charlevoix (14), Emmet (8), and Otsego (9) counties, and 3 new COVID-19 associated deaths in Emmet county. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

On Sunday, November 15th, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon signed an [emergency order](#) effective today that enacts a three-week pause targeting indoor social gatherings and other group activities in an effort to curb rapidly rising COVID-19 infection rates. Although there were some changes to what [remains open](#), many residents have had questions about what this order means as we head into the holidays. MDHHS has created a [frequently asked questions page](#) to answer many of the questions we have also been receiving regarding the latest orders.

“It is normal to feel distressed about this as the virus begins to touch each of us in different ways. For months many of us were able to say that we didn’t know anyone who had COVID but now that is very different,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “This three-week pause will not be easy for our residents, but we hope it will curb the current upward trends of COVID. We hope everyone can choose safer ways to celebrate with their family and friends, so we can get through this wave.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 276, Charlevoix – 379, Emmet – 743, Otsego – 536
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 93, Charlevoix – 124, Emmet – 176, Otsego – 182
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim – 3, Charlevoix – 5, Emmet – 21, Otsego – 15

The State of Michigan is reporting 277,806 cases and 8,190 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](#). To track the risk levels of COVID-19 pandemic indicators, visit the [MI Safe Start Map 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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