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The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 8 new confirmed cases in Antrim (1), Charlevoix (2), Emmet (3) and Otsego (2) counties. Case investigations and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared once it is available.

Today we are reporting case investigation information for four confirmed COVID-19 cases. All four cases are being reported in our jurisdiction. The following information is from case investigations completed between August 25th – 26th.

- 3 of the 4 cases are primary residents
- 1 of the 4 cases is a non-resident, but is 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:
 - 13-19 years – 1 case
 - 40-49 years – 1 case
 - 50-59 years – 2 cases
- Symptomatic: 3 cases; Asymptomatic: 1 case
- 3 cases linked to travel either into or out of the area as reported during their case investigation
- Over 16 total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine

During case investigations, the following location was identified as a potential low-risk, public exposure site.

- Tap Room 32, Gaylord on August 18th from 8:00 – 9:30 pm

The business has been contacted, and they 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.

“The pandemic risk indicators on the mstartmap.info dashboard continue to keep us in a medium risk category across Region 6, the Traverse City Region,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “However, when we dig deeper into these same indicators by county, it allows us to see a little more of the local trends and reminds us that clusters of cases and individual cases are still happening all around us. The best protection is when everyone is able to follow all of the required and recommended protective measures.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 47, Charlevoix – 65, Emmet – 100, Otsego – 121

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- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 34, Charlevoix – 35, Emmet – 40, Otsego – 101
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 2, Emmet – 2, Otsego – 11.

The State of Michigan has reported 99,200 cases and 6,424 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](#).

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