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**Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update**

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 4 new confirmed cases in Charlevoix (1), Emmet (2), and Otsego (1) counties. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress, and relevant information will be shared when it is available.

As with any flu season, it is especially important this year to receive the flu vaccine and encourage family members and community members to do the same. While we are still experiencing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, a virus with no known cure or vaccine at this time, we are reminded of the importance of staying up to date with regular vaccines as well as receiving the flu vaccine annually. We offer flu shot clinics each year with locations in all four counties and this year, due to COVID-19, clinics are drive-thru and by appointment only. To see a current list of community vaccination clinics, visit us [here](#). Call 1-800-432-4121 to schedule your appointment.

“It is important that we make every effort to protect our infants, young children, and adolescents by making sure they can get all of their vaccines and follow the recommended schedule. Pediatricians and the Health Department agree that these visits for immunizations are essential and should not be postponed,” said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director. “While we are still dealing with COVID-19 at the local, state, and national level, it is a good reminder to all that we should get the annual flu shot and stay up to date with other immunizations.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 73, Charlevoix – 109, Emmet – 166, Otsego – 177
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim – 58, Charlevoix – 80, Emmet – 122, Otsego – 128
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Charlevoix – 4, Emmet – 4, Otsego – 12.

The State of Michigan has reported 137,702 cases and 6,928 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](http://nwhealth.org).*

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