



Antrim County COVID-19 NEWSLETTER

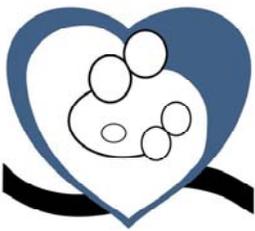
We've got you covered!



Antrim County Mask the County

We are dedicated to getting every single person in Antrim County, that doesn't already have one, a mask to stay safe. This includes adults and children. You can contact us through the **request form on page 2**.

Drive-Thru testing at Bellaire Family Health Center



Bellaire Family Health Center is offering Drive-Thru COVID-19 testing based on MDHHS and CDC guidelines and priorities.

In partnership with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Bellaire Family Health Center will offer drive thru testing for individuals on Monday, Wednesday and

Fridays from 12 pm - 4 pm. Testing will be available by appointment only and for those have been referred by their primary care provider. Individuals do not need to be a current patient of the Bellaire Family Health Center to receive testing but will need a provider's order or undergo a pre-screening prior to testing. Appointment scheduling will begin on April 29, 2020.

If you feel you are displaying symptoms or fall within the priority testing regulations, contact the health center's COVID Drive Thru Testing Line at **231-222-2320** to be pre-screened and/or schedule an appointment.

Links to daily updated information

Antrim County Website

<http://www.antrimcounty.org/covid19.asp>

Antrim County Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/AntrimCountyMI>

Antrim County Emergency Management Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/antrimemergencymanagement>

Data Dashboard by Health Department of NW MI

<http://www.nwhealth.org/covid19dash2.html>

State of Michigan Daily Updates

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>

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Request Form



Emergency Supplies Request Form Antrim County EOC

Date	
Department	
Address	
Person Making Request	
Contact Phone Number	
Contact Email Address	

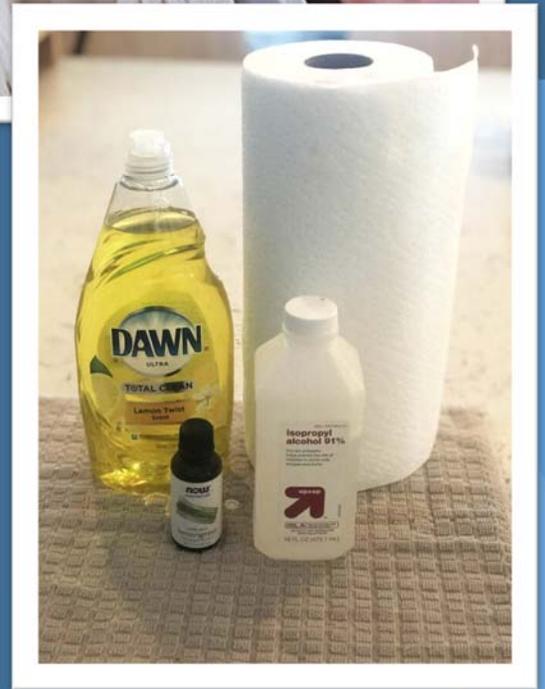
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**To turn this request in, please email complete form to
denniss@antrimcounty.org.**

Please note that supplies are extremely limited at the Antrim County EOC. We will do our best to fill requests to the best of our ability. As we receive supplies, we will contact you to update you on your request.

If you have any questions, please contact Antrim County EOC Logistics Section Chief Shelley Dennis at 231-533-3577 or email at denniss@antrimcounty.org.

Homemade Sanitizing Wipes



What you Need

- Empty jar w/lid, old wipes container, etc.
- Paper Towels (Viva brand works best)
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 TBS Dawn Dish Soap
- 1/2 Cup Isopropyl Alcohol (90%+)
- 10-15 drops Essential Oils (optional)*

1. Cut paper towels in half. This will make two containers worth
Or unroll one half and add to the other for a one larger roll
2. Put the towels in the container of your choice
3. Mix all the ingredients together and pour over the paper towels
4. Remove the inner cardboard tube
5. Use as needed

* Essential oils are a natural disinfectant

STRATEGIES FOR REOPENING OR KEEPING YOUR BUSINESS

OPEN



As Antrim County gears up to get back to work, it is important to consider the safety and wellbeing of employees, customers, and visitors to our local businesses, as well as recover lost income. The following is a list of recommendations that business owners and managers should consider as they adapt to the new landscape of business during and after the COVID-19 crisis.

- Consider your business' priorities at this time.** Are your concerns the health and safety of your employees, recovering lost income, or other matters?
- Create a plan for calling employees back to work.** If your business has had to temporarily shut down, make sure to consider when and how you will ask your employees to return to work. Many employees might have anxiety about returning to the workforce during or after the global pandemic, so be sure to listen and answer any concerns to the best of your ability. Use these points to create a policy that shows your dedication to the health and safety of your employees as they return to work.
- Ensure that your employees are informed and aware of changes to the business during this time.** Take time to train employees on new policies and procedures such as increased frequency of cleaning, what to do if they are feeling sick, etiquette regarding coughing and sneezing, and so on. Open communication is key to making employees feel safe and heard.
- Utilize the health screening requirements set forth by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.** Employees who are not working from home are required to be screened as soon as they arrive to their worksite. Details on questions that employers need to ask and how to properly document can be found at <http://www.nwhealth.org/newsreleases/2020-3%20Public%20Health%20Emergency%20Order.pdf>.
- Evaluate leave policies and consider modifications to help employees with their needs during this time.** In light of the global pandemic, increased absenteeism is expected among workers. Update leave policies so they are flexible and non-punitive to allow employees to stay home and care for themselves, their children, or other family members who may be sick or in need of other care (such as workers who have limited child care options).
- Provide necessary PPE to workers.** Employers are required by executive order to provide cloth or other relevant face coverings to employees at the business. Other PPE to consider providing to employees could be disposable gloves, hand sanitizer stations, and gowns, all depending on the type of work and the proximity to others.
- Create a plan to increase frequency and enhancement of cleaning procedures.** Make sure to frequently disinfect commonly touched surfaces, such as work stations, door knobs/handles, countertops, railings, etc. Provide employees disposable disinfecting wipes so these surfaces can be wiped before and after each use.
- Limit the number of people gathering in a specific area.** Ensure that areas such as break rooms, conference space, elevators, and other spaces that your employees gather are limited and allow for social distancing (6 feet of separation between people). Stagger employee hours to aid in these efforts. Create markings for customers and visitors to ahead to a one-way trafficking in businesses as well as mark spaces for customers to wait in line inside and outside of the business.
- Consider technology updates to aid in conducting business with less close contact.** Try out website updates, contactless payment systems, online or automated ordering systems, mobile apps, and text or email systems to help your customers navigate changes happening to your business. These options also reduce the need for close contact as we all try to abide by social distancing practices.
- Continue to communicate with customers the steps you are taking to keep your business safe and viable.** Reach out to customers using social media, emails, and other forms of communication to inform them about your status. Let them know hours of operation, steps you are taking for employee and customer health, and so on. This open communication will encourage customers as we all learn to navigate the new world of commerce.

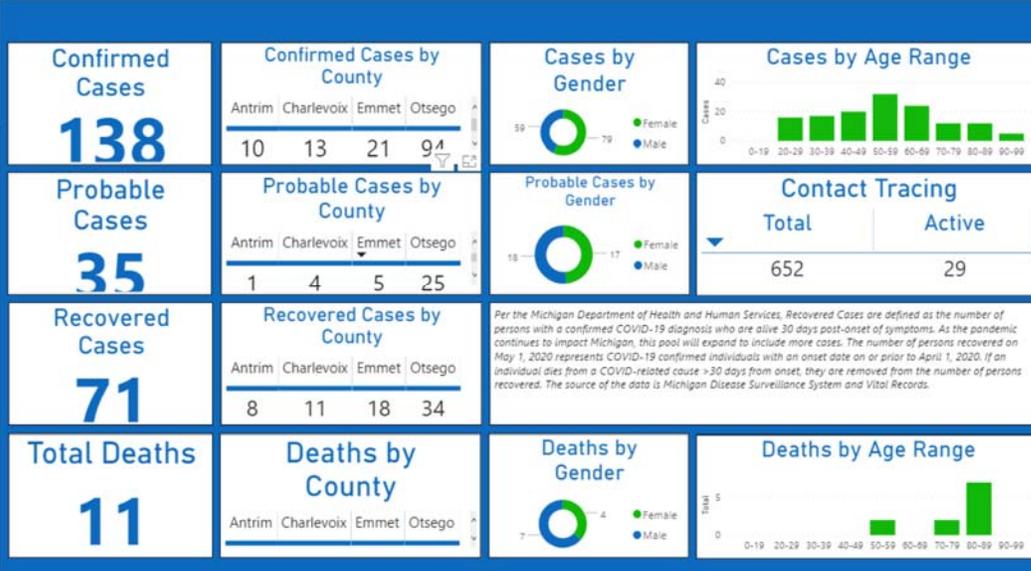
For more resources, please visit <http://www.antrimcounty.org/covid19.asp>.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT of Northwest Michigan

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(Antrim, Otsego, Emmet and Charlevoix) Numbers as of 5/6/20



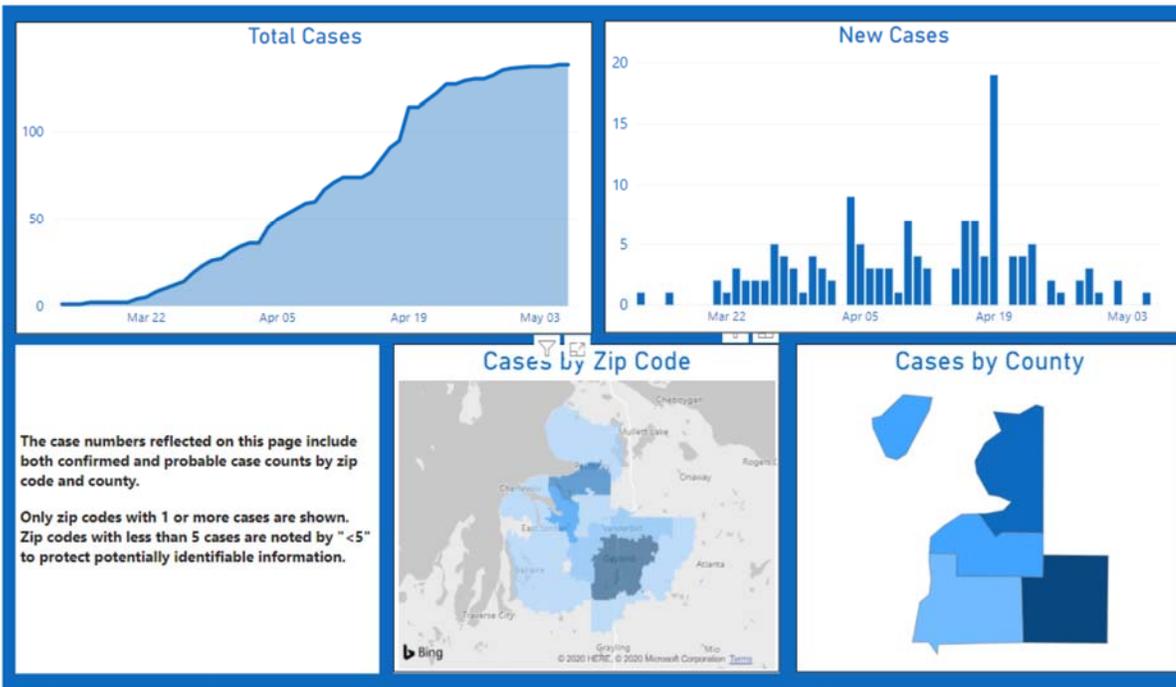
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COVID-19 CASE DATA

	Antrim	Charlevoix	Emmet	Otsego
Confirmed	10	14	21	95
Probable	1	4	5	25
Recovered	8	10	18	30
Deaths	0	1	2	8

May 6, 2020

The data dashboard is updated daily by 5:30pm, with COVID-19 results included as of 3:00pm.



Total Cases

- <5
- 49612
- 49615
- 49622
- 49659
- 49706
- 49713
- 49716
- 49720
- 49727
- 49733
- 49740
- 49751
- 49769
- 107**
- 49735
- 19**
- 49770
- 6**
- 49730
- 49795
- 8**
- 49712

What To Look For With COVID-19

Watch for symptoms

Stay home and speak to your healthcare provider if you develop any of these symptoms:

- Fever or
- Cough or
- Shortness of breath
- If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19 get medical attention immediately.

*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

Preventative Measures

COVID-19 (the disease caused by the novel coronavirus) 
What you can do



Test Sites Closest to Antrim County

Bellaire Family Health Center	4955 S M-88 Bellaire	231-222-2320	M, W, F 12 - 4pm	Appointment required, physician order required (or meet priority regulations), phone screening available, drive-thru specimen collection only
Emmet County Fairgrounds	1129 Charlevoix Ave Petoskey	1-800-386-5959	M - F 12 - 4pm	Appointment required, physician order required, phone or in-person screen, drive-thru specimen collection only
McLaren - Gaylord Family Practice	1320 E M-22 Gaylord	989-731-5092	M - F 9am - 4pm	Appointment required, physician order required, No other info
McLaren - Mitchell Park Family Practice	2390 Mitchell Park Dr. Petoskey	231-487-5060	M - F 9am - 4pm	Appointment required, physician order required, No other info
Northwest Michigan Health Services	10767 Traverse Hwy Traverse City	231-642-5292	N/A	Appointment required, phone screening, Drive-thru, specimen collection only
Northern MI MedCenter - Petoskey South Also provides antibody testing	1890 US-131 #4 Petoskey	231-487-2000	M - F 8am - 6pm Sat - Sun 9am - 3pm	Have to register as a patient and be evaluated, provider will decide if case warrants testing. Patient will administer to themselves in their car with a nurse watching & advising
Northern MI MedCenter - Petoskey North Also provides antibody testing	116 West Mitchell St Petoskey (Across from Mancino's)	231-348-2828	M - F 8am - 6pm Sat - Sun 9am - 4pm	Have to register as a patient and be evaluated, provider will decide if case warrants testing. Patient will administer to themselves in their car with a nurse watching & advising
Northern MI MedCenter - Boyne Also provides antibody testing	1249 M-75 Boyne City	231-582-1515	M - F 8am - 6pm Sat - Sun CLOSED	Have to register as a patient and be evaluated, provider will decide if case warrants testing. Patient will administer to themselves in their car with a nurse watching & advising

Distributions

The Logistics Section Team has been hard at work acquiring PPE throughout Antrim and distributing to our first responders and essential employees. Donations ranging from homemade face masks to isolation gowns have been given to the EOC from Antrim County residents and small businesses. Additional PPE has ordered in bulk. Antrim County Businesses, Health Centers, and first responder departments have requested supplies from the EOC and we have supplied these entities to the best of our abilities given the national shortage of PPE. The EOC is also responsible for supplying the Township Ambulance Authority and Meadow Brook Care Facility. The Antrim County government and citizens have stepped up to face this health crisis and help each other during these difficult times.

If you have any leads on PPE donations or bulk distributors, or are in need of PPD, please reach out to Logistics Section Chief Kaitlyn Szczypka at 231-533-3576 or email at szczypkak@antrimcounty.org.

Distribution Per Item as of 5/5/2020	
ITEM	# DIST.
MASKS	
N-95 masks	470
KN-95 masks	190
Dust Masks	80
Homemade Masks	1253
Surgical Masks	2418
Face Shields	799
Goggles	8
TOTAL MASKS	5,218
GLOVES	
Gloves S	5 boxes
Gloves M	30 boxes
Gloves L	35 boxes
Gloves XL	13 box
TOTAL GLOVES	83 boxes
GOWNS	
Disposable Gowns	40
Isolation Gowns	848
Lab Coats	10
Gowns	152
Scrubs	40
Booties	3 pairs
TOTAL GOWNS	1,093
CLEANING SUPPLIES	
Lysol Spray	1
Hand Sanitizer Refill	8
Mammoth Hand Sanitizer	28

Township Departments who have received supplies from the EOC:

- Banks Fire Department
- Bellaire Fire Department
- Central Lake Fire Department
- Central Lake Police Department
- Elk Rapids Police Department
- Ellsworth Police Department
- Mancelona Fire District
- Milton Township Fire Department
- Torch Lake EMS
- Township Ambulance Authority
- Township Clerks with upcoming elections in May will receive PPE distributions 4/27/2020:
 - Banks Township Clerk
 - Central Lake Township Clerk
 - Echo Township Clerk
 - Jordan Township Clerk
 - Torch Lake Township Clerk
 - Warner Township Clerk

Businesses with Essential Employees who have received homemade masks from the EOC:

- Central EZ Mart
- Eastport Market
- Family Fare Bellaire
- Family Fare Mancelona
- Huntington National Bank Bellaire
- Lel's Little Acre
- Mortenson Funeral Home
- PC Doctors of Northern Michigan

The New “Normal”

With all that has happened the last couple of months, everyone feels differently. Some more anxious than others. We are all wondering what the new “normal” will be and if we ever will feel “normal” again. With all of these unanswered questions and unknowns, we need to remember to take care of our mental health as well as our physical health.

If you or someone you know needs to talk, please see the chart below for help that is out there.

WHERE CAN I FIND OTHER RESOURCES?			
			
			
Community Connections - Northwest HUB	Syringe Services Program (SSP)	Breastfeeding Warm Line	Hotline
<i>Access resources in Antrim, Charlevoix, Otsego, or Emmet county with help from a Community Health Worker</i>	<i>Access safe injection supplies, overdose prevention kits, and basic needs supplies (Mancelona only)</i>	<i>Questions answered by a community breastfeeding liaison</i>	<i>Get connected with needed resources from across our communities</i>
1-800-432-4121	1-800-432-4121	1-833-649-4223	211
Open 8:00 am –5:00 PM, M–F	Open 8:00 am –5:00 PM, M–F	Open 8:00 am –8:00 PM, 7 days/week	Calls - 24 hours, Text & Chat, 8:00AM - 5:00PM, M-F
<i>as of April 20, 2020</i>			

Recovery

The COVID-19 pandemic has put all of us on alert, many of us in crisis mode and others at a standstill. At this time, all levels of government are in a response mode. Governor Whitmer is working with governors from across the Great Lakes Region to determine the best way to reopen the State. Here at the County level, the Antrim County Emergency Operations Center is also beginning to develop a recovery plan.

A County-wide recovery plan will consist of at least three parts:

1. Standing down the County EOC – bringing the current EOC down from a full-time staff of nine people down to a single person, our Emergency Management Coordinator.
2. Reopening the County and local government buildings – determining what the “new normal” would look like and find ways to keep government employees and the public healthy;
3. Economic recovery throughout Antrim County – provide resources and creating guidelines that would help Antrim County businesses recover as they navigate the “new normal” that has resulted from this global pandemic.

The Emergency Management Coordinator will be meeting with the Antrim County Economic Development Corporation and representatives from local area chambers of commerce to develop the economic portion of the recovery plan. Additionally, EOC staff is working to put together a meeting with representatives from local units of government to develop a plan to reopen local government offices in a way that would keep staff and the public safe and healthy.

THANK YOU



As Antrim County and its first responders are on the frontlines fighting the COVID-19 virus, we couldn't be prouder of our community for stepping up to help.

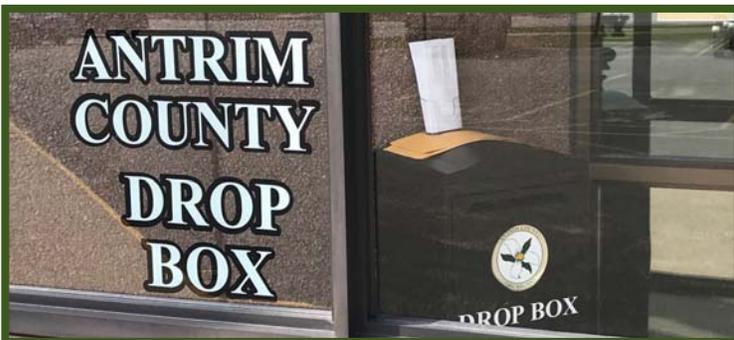
Many have donated supplies and equipment to protect our law enforcement, EMS and other first responders.

We want to give recognition to the following businesses, individuals and groups for their help so far:

- Mammoth Distilling
- East Jordan Iron Works
- Bellaire Health Center
- Central Lake Schools
- Family Fare, Bellaire
- Joe and Carrie Hebden
- Bellaire Hardware
- Mancelona Hardware
- Friske Farm Market
- Royal Farms
- Petoskey Plastics
- Lauren Stasak Astle
- Mancelona Vet. Hospital
- Union Landscape & Design
- Seamstresses for Safety
- Kimron Construction
- Central Lake Schools
- Melissa Przyvyszewski
- Armor Express
- Bellaire Tattoo
- Kay McPherson
- Lanzen Fabricating
- The Total Look
- King Orchard
- Sally Hannert
- Ginger Kildee
- Leslie Meyers
- Sandy Munoz
- Mary Pecar
- Sherry Bailey
- Ann Butler
- Tiffany Eiseler
- Brian Foster
- The Flying Pig
- Shawna DePe
- Judy Sayre

Contact Antrim County

DEPARTMENT	PHONE	FAX	DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION
ABSTRACT	533-6170		Property research, title history
ACCOUNTING	533-3635		Finance Department
ADMINISTRATION	533-6265	533-8111	Management and administration for Board of Commissioners, personnel, public relations
AIRPORT	533-8524		
ANIMAL CONTROL	533-6421	533-8268	
CIRCUIT COURT	533-6852		Civil lawsuits, criminal felonies, District Court appeals
COUNTY CLERK	533-6353	533-6935	Vital Statistics, Elections, Circuit Court Clerk, Clerk to the County BOC
COMMISSION ON AGING	533-8703	533-5310	Meals on Wheels, Medical Transportation, In-home services, Congregate Meal Sites
CONSTRUCTION CODE	533-8373		Issues building, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical permits
DEPT. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	533-8664		
DISTRICT COURT	533-6441	533-6322	
EQUALIZATION	533-6320		Survey assessments
GRASS RIVER NATURAL AREA - ADMINISTRATIVE	533-8314		Administrative Offices for Grass River Natural Area
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	533-8670		Septic permits
HUMAN RESOURCES	533-3605	533-8111	
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	533-3600		
MAINTENANCE	533-8819		Routine maintenance of County buildings and properties
MSU EXTENSION	533-8818	533-8392	
NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL	533-8619		
PROBATE COURT	533-6681	533-6600	
PROBATION/PAROLE	533-5136	533-5407	
PROSECUTOR	533-6860	533-5718	
REGISTER OF DEEDS	533-6683		Records and indexes all property deeds within the County
SHERIFF - NON-EMERGENCY	533-8627	533-5803	FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL 9-1-1
TRANSPORTATION	533-8644	533-8504	
TREASURER	533-6720	533-0821	Tax payments, dog license registration, passports
VETERANS AFFAIRS	533-8499	533-8111	Assist veterans with obtaining benefits



Continuing to Serve

Though the County Building is closed, our staff remains diligent and continues to serve the public by phone, fax, email and a drop box located in the southeast corner of the County Building (pictured left).