



## CHARLEVOIX MAYOR KURTZ EMPHASIZES STAY AT HOME PRACTICES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Charlevoix Mayor Luther Kurtz joined other leaders in northwest Michigan encouraging travelers and locals to stay in their homes by issuing the following statement:

The City of Charlevoix is keenly aware of the draw of being up north. While Governor Whitmer's order last week permitted the travel to vacation homes in Michigan, guidance from the Centers for Disease Control advises that persons travelling from an area of high COVID-19 exposure should plan to stay at home for 14 days with no trips to groceries, pharmacies, or take-out food. Many services are available for non-contact delivery to residences for these needs. For our neighbors who choose to return to Charlevoix from a winter location, after you arrive at your home in Northern Michigan, we strongly encourage you to join us in staying at home and do your part to stop the spread of this virus. We will be reinforcing this guidance with utility customers seeking reconnection of seasonally disconnected utilities. For more information on this, please see the March 31 Travel Advisory from the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Whether or not we have traveled, each of us must work together to social distance and be mindful of how our actions will affect others—even when we don't realize it. Whether we are a year-round resident or a seasonal resident who has chosen to return early, we are all in this together and we need to stay diligent in following the appropriate guidance.

Dr. Josh Meyerson and his team at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan are leading our community's response to stop the spread; we are thankful for their dedication and tireless work. For those essential businesses who are still operating, we urge you to review their Business Toolkit. This toolkit has ideas for screening employees, hygiene practices for employees, and sanitation practices for surfaces. Additionally,

Stay at home and stop the spread.

For details on the business toolkit and the latest information on COVID-19 in the Charlevoix area, visit: [www.nwhealth.org/covid19](http://www.nwhealth.org/covid19).

For the Health Department Travel Advisory, visit: <http://www.nwhealth.org/newsreleases/HDNW-NMPHA%20Public%20Health%20Travel%20Advisory.pdf>