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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Phase 1A Vaccinations, Phase 1B and senior citizens to be scheduled for COVID-19 clinics

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is currently scheduling appointments for healthcare workers who have not yet received their COVID-19 vaccination and announcing steps for individuals in Phase 1B and seniors aged 65 and older to be next in line for the vaccine.

Healthcare staff who have not been vaccinated, but want to, should complete the [COVID-19 Vaccination Pre-Registration Form](#) on the health department's website (nwhealth.org) to schedule an appointment.

"We are currently working to complete the vaccinations for individuals in Phase 1A, which includes healthcare workers, while we begin planning vaccination clinics for individuals in Phase 1B and seniors 65 and older," said Health Officer Lisa Peacock. "All clinics have been and will continue to be scheduled by appointment only. Using our online pre-registration form allows us to contact you as soon as appointments are available."

The first step to request an appointment when vaccinations are available for Phase 1B and adults 65 and older involves completing the [COVID-19 Vaccination Pre-Registration Form](#). Completing this form does not schedule you for an appointment but notifies the health department of your interest in receiving the vaccine as soon as possible. Seniors who do not have access to the internet or have other barriers to receiving the COVID-19 vaccine should call the Area Agency on Aging at 231-715-5557 for assistance.

Information about the Phases and the health department's local timeline for vaccinations can be found by visiting nwhealth.org and selecting [COVID-19 immunization](#). Additional key information and answers to common questions regarding vaccination appointments and scheduling include:

- As of today, the health department is **not currently** scheduling appointments for Phase 1B or those 65 and older. Individuals in Phase 1A, Phase 1B, and those 65 and older should complete the health department's [COVID-19 Vaccination Information Form](#) to notify us of your interest in receiving a vaccine. The health department will then schedule appointments, by Phase, using this information. Residents should not call the health department to schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Businesses or organizations with employees in Phase 1A, Phase 1B, or who are 65 and older should complete and submit **one** form on behalf of their staff. The health department will contact the business when ready to schedule appointments for your staff.
- Any individual under quarantine or isolation **cannot** be vaccinated until their quarantine or isolation period ends.

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The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 53 new cases today: Antrim (27), Charlevoix (10), Emmet (9), and Otsego (7) counties, and 3 COVID-19 associated deaths in Antrim (1), Emmet (1), and Otsego (1). As of 4 p.m. today, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (728), Charlevoix (882), Emmet (1,273), and Otsego (1,049);
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (495), Charlevoix (714), Emmet (1,005) and Otsego (809);
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (11), Charlevoix (10), Emmet (33), and Otsego (25).

The State of Michigan is reporting 512,751 cases and 13,904 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](#). For more information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, visit the MDHHS [vaccine website](#) or the [CDC vaccine website](#).

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