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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Vaccine allocations adjusted, limited doses available locally

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan received notification this afternoon from the state that the amount of Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine being allocated to us *is less* than anticipated. Therefore, vaccine appointments may be adjusted next week to reflect this lower amount.

We are taking this opportunity to remind everyone that the biggest barrier health departments are working through is the limited doses of vaccines available to help reach the goal of vaccinating 70 percent of our population age 16 and above. Until a consistent vaccine allocation schedule from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is established, vaccine clinics must be planned one week at a time. Although there have been media reports about the eventual release of additional allocations to the state, the health department has received no official notification of the validity or timing of this.

“These late changes require us to re-evaluate the feasibility of our scheduled clinics next week with the allocation we have just been notified we will be receiving,” said Health Officer Lisa Peacock. “We want community members to know we have plans in place to provide safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine clinics but are limited to how many people we can vaccinate due to limited vaccine allocations. We will communicate any necessary changes as soon as possible,” she added.

The health department is pleased with the progress made in scaling up our clinics and the number of people vaccinated. During the past week we vaccinated over 1000 people, including over 700 people from the two large scale clinics held yesterday in two of our counties:

- Charlevoix County clinic: 367 doses administered
- Emmet County clinic: 361 doses administered

These clinics were unique as it allowed the health department to offer vaccinations outside of business hours to the approved segments of priority group 1B. With the partnership and support from local emergency managers, county officials, and volunteers, the health department was able to vaccinate this large number of individuals efficiently and safely. Health officials have been excited with the number of individuals ready to receive their vaccination and look forward to continuing to offer community clinics as vaccine supply allows.

Additional vaccine allocation and administration data can be found by visiting the [State of Michigan vaccine dashboard](#). This dashboard displays the total amount of vaccine received and administered by local health departments and local hospital(s).

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Today the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 26 new cases in the following counties: Antrim (5), Charlevoix (6), Emmet (9), Otsego (6). As of 4 p.m. today, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (780), Charlevoix (933), Emmet (1,320), and Otsego (1,082).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (537), Charlevoix (750), Emmet (1,041) and Otsego (846).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (16), Charlevoix (10), Emmet (33), and Otsego (25).

The State of Michigan is reporting 533,602 cases and 13,701 deaths.

Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department of Northwest Michigan 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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