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

### **Current vaccination status**

Residents in Phase 1B and seniors 65 and older are continuing to be scheduled into upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics offered by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Currently, those eligible in Phase 1B include frontline essential workers such as pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school staff, childcare staff, shelter workers, first responders (firefighters, police, conservation officers), and corrections workers. Phase 1B also includes “other essential frontline workers” such as U.S. postal service staff, public transit workers, and those employed in manufacturing, agricultural and grocery stores. According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) prioritization guidance these individuals categorized as “other essential workers” are estimated to be vaccinated beginning in May once approved for vaccination by MDHHS. View the MDHHS prioritization guidance [here](#).

Pre-registration for vaccination for eligible individuals continues and appointments are being scheduled as the vaccine becomes available. To pre-register, complete the [COVID-19 Pre-Registration Form](#) on the health department website. Those unable to complete the form online or who have other barriers may call the Senior Hotline at 231-715-5557 for assistance. Residents are asked to either complete the online form or call; it is not necessary to do both. If an email was provided in your submission, a verification email will be sent to notify you that your registration has been received.

“We understand how eager the public is to get a vaccine and protect themselves from COVID. We are working as efficiently and effectively as we can to schedule them and administer the vaccine,” said Health Officer Lisa Peacock. “We hope our community understands that our staff and partners are working on their behalf to advocate for a more consistent and greater supply of the vaccine,” she said.

The health department continues to receive questions from community residents wanting to know when their appointment will be scheduled. At this time, we are unable to provide a timeline due to vaccine allocations known only a week at a time.

Today, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 15 new cases: Antrim (6), Charlevoix (5), Emmet (3), and Otsego (1) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (804), Charlevoix (944), Emmet (1,340), and Otsego (1,085).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (557), Charlevoix (762), Emmet (1,062) and Otsego (863).

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- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (18), Charlevoix (11), Emmet (33), and Otsego (25).

The State of Michigan is reporting 540,115 cases and 13,865 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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