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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 vaccines continue to be ‘scarce resource’ statewide

The COVID-19 vaccine continues to be “a scarce resource” statewide, according to officials with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is expected to receive 60,000 doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine statewide as usual. This is a small number to distribute statewide compared to the 300,000 doses requested by local jurisdictions. If the health department received a continual supply of 2,000 doses per week, it is estimated that it would take 10 weeks to vaccinate all individuals currently pre-registered with the health department form to receive their first dose.

“We’ve come a long way since December, when we were able to quickly administer over 100 vaccination within 24 hours of receiving our first shipment of doses, to this week having the personnel and vaccine capacity to administer over 3,000 doses. I am extremely proud of our team members and their accomplishments,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Although we received less vaccine this week than anticipated, we are excited about the progress we continue to make. We know our residents are eager to be vaccinated, but we are required to follow the state’s prioritization guidance as our vaccine supply allows. We appreciate the continued patience and support of our communities,” she added.

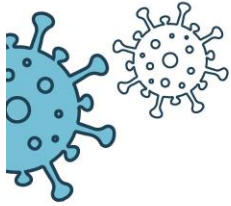
Currently, the state of Michigan guidelines allows vaccinations for Michiganders 65 and older, frontline essential workers (firefighters, police, corrections workers, inspectors), child care and pre-K through high school staff, and congregate care facility staff (homeless shelter, juvenile justice, child care staff). Although this phase of vaccination opened in mid-January, state guidelines indicate the estimated schedule for first doses administered to continue through February, March and April, and into May – providing an adequate supply of vaccine is received locally.

“We understand and sympathize with our community who want to be protected as soon as possible,” Peacock said. “I continue to advocate on our behalf at the state level for additional vaccines.”

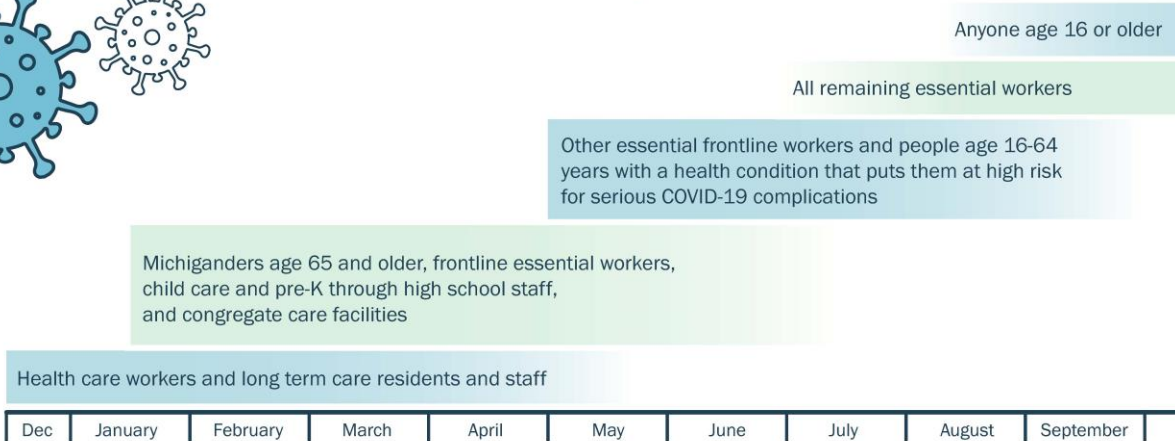
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Preliminary COVID-19 Vaccination Timeline



Dates are estimated and expected to change based on vaccine availability.



To find a vaccine and schedule an appointment, visit Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine.

Today, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 14 new cases: Antrim (3), Charlevoix (5), Emmet (5), 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 (807), Charlevoix (949), Emmet (1,345), and Otsego (1,086).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (564), Charlevoix (764), Emmet (1,065) and Otsego (866).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (17), Charlevoix (11), Emmet (33), and Otsego (25).

The State of Michigan is reporting 542,146 cases and 13,905 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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