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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Vaccination status update

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan continues to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments as quickly as possible but is limited by vaccine supply.

The health department is currently scheduling appointments for individuals 65 years and older and those eligible essential workers residing in its four-county jurisdiction of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. Health officials are reporting the following:

- 900-1,000 first doses per week have been received over the past 2-3 weeks
- It is anticipated that allocations will become more predictable in the future
- The number of vaccine doses allocated for this week is 975 doses (all vaccination appointments have been scheduled this week in the four counties)
- The number of vaccine doses administered during clinics on Tuesday and Wednesday was 824 doses (397 first dose, and 427 second dose)

According to testimony by Michigan Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun before the U.S. Congress, the Michigan vaccination strategy includes the following goals:

- 70% of Michiganders age 16 and older be vaccinated as quickly as possible;
- 90% of received vaccines are administered within 7 days;
- 95% of people receive their second vaccine dose within the expected timeframe;
- No disparity exists in vaccination rates across racial and ethnic groups or by social vulnerability index; and
- No one drives more than 20 minutes to reach a vaccination site.

“We are ready for this challenge because we know it is the path back to normalcy for our world,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. “It is frustrating for us to have to work below our capacity, but we are currently limited by the number of doses we receive each week and are hopeful those numbers will continue to increase. We need to remain vigilant while we work our way through limited vaccine allocations and strive for these important vaccination goals,” she added.

Today, February 4, the health department is reporting 13 new cases: Antrim (7), Charlevoix (3), Emmet (2), and Otsego (1) counties. Today we are also reporting 1 new death in Emmet County. As of 4 p.m. today, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (865), Charlevoix (1,010), Emmet (1,416), and Otsego (1,118).

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- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (691), Charlevoix (836), Emmet (1,168) and Otsego (942).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (18), Charlevoix (11), Emmet (35), and Otsego (25).

The State of Michigan is reporting 565,251 cases and 14,778 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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