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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Vaccine administration update

Since December 2020, when COVID-19 vaccination clinics began, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has administered 14,858 total doses of the vaccine, and over 1.8 million doses have been administered in the state of Michigan.

As of today, the health department's current vaccination status is as follows:

- Number of vaccine doses administered last week (February 15-21): 3,823 doses.
- Number of vaccine doses allocated for this week: 2,361 doses (all appointments have been scheduled).
- Percent of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego county residents who have received their first dose: 17.08%.

For additional vaccine administration data, please visit our [COVID-19 vaccine dashboard](#). The vaccine dashboard is updated weekly on Tuesdays.

"First and foremost, our goal is to safely administer this critical vaccine to our community residents. We recommend that everyone get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as an appointment is made available to them," said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director. "The combination of the protection from immunization and the mitigation measures we are taking are the best protection against getting or transmitting this disease."

There are several ways to register for vaccination through the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

- **Pre-registration form:** Anyone with access to a computer and internet should complete the COVID-19 online pre-registration form on the health department's website. Please double-check that all information is accurate, especially your email address as this is how we will contact you to make an appointment. After clicking submit, you will receive a confirmation email notifying you that your form has been received.
- **Phone:** Seniors who are unable to access the form or have any other barriers to receiving the vaccination should call the senior hotline at 231-715-5557. This hotline is experiencing extremely high call volume, so when prompted, you may request a call back instead of staying on the line. Seniors may also call their local Council on Aging or senior citizen center for assistance in signing up. Staff there will assist seniors in registering.
- **Assist your family/loved one:** If someone you know is unable to complete the pre-registration form on their own for any reason, you can complete the form on their behalf. Enter their information but use a phone number and email that is monitored regularly, such as your own, to ensure all communication from the health department is received. You can also direct them to call the senior hotline at 231-715-5557 for assistance to pre-register.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information, visit nwhealth.org.

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Today, Tuesday, February 23, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 9 new cases: Antrim (1), Charlevoix (1), Emmet (7), and Otsego (0) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (918), Charlevoix (1,038), Emmet (1,507), and Otsego (1,160).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (807), Charlevoix (923), Emmet (1,266) and Otsego (981).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (19), Charlevoix (12), Emmet (37), and Otsego (25).

The State of Michigan is reporting 582,719 cases and 15,396 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](#).