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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Vaccine administration updated, clinics open for seniors 65+

Since December 2020, when COVID-19 vaccination clinics began, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has administered 17,237 total doses of the vaccine, and over 2.2 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 22-28): 2,379 doses
- Number of vaccine doses allocated for this week: 3,241 doses
- Percent of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego county residents who have received their first dose: 23.48%
- Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego county residents 65 and older who have received their first dose: 50.96%

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

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, for the health department's jurisdiction of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties, enthusiastically noted that staff is working through the appointment waiting list.

"Several factors are helping us reach our eligible populations," she said. "The assurance of a steady allocation of vaccines has allowed us to offer more clinics in each of our counties. In addition, more providers have come on board and are serving some of our same population. We know there are still vulnerable senior populations in some pockets of our counties, and we are focusing outreach efforts to reach them," Peacock said.

Due to the additional providers eligible to receive and administer vaccine in the region, the health department announced today availability of appointments for seniors 65 and older who live or work in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties at clinics in all four counties. To make an appointment this week or next to receive your first dose vaccination, call 800-432-4121. Although there is no charge for the COVID-19 vaccine, please have your insurance card(s) ready to schedule or register for an appointment.

"Based on census data, we know there are seniors 65+ who are on our waiting list who haven't signed up to receive the vaccine or our staff may have had trouble reaching them, so we want to make it easier to schedule by calling our 800 number," Peacock said.

Today, March 2, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 14 new cases: Antrim (11), Charlevoix (0), Emmet (3), and Otsego (0) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (955), Charlevoix (1,050), Emmet (1,547), and Otsego (1,170).

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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- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (836), Charlevoix (961), Emmet (1,314) and Otsego (1,004).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (20), Charlevoix (13), Emmet (38), and Otsego (27).

The State of Michigan is reporting 590,217 cases and 15,558 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](#).