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

### **Health Department administers more than 24,400 doses**

Since December 2020, when COVID-19 vaccination clinics began, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has administered 24,401 total doses of the vaccine, and over 3.08 million doses have been administered in the state of Michigan.

As of March 14, the health department's vaccination status is as follows:

- Number of vaccine doses administered last week (March 8-14): 3,949 doses.
- Number of vaccine doses allocated for this week: 2,983 doses (all appointments have been scheduled)
- Percent of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego county residents who have received their first or initial dose: 32.1%.
- Percent of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego county residents 65 and older who have received their first or initial dose: 65.9%.

For additional vaccine administration data, please visit our [COVID-19 vaccine dashboard](#). The health department's 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. Appointments are currently being scheduled for individuals 50 and older, and eligible essential workers.

"Several factors are helping us reach our eligible populations," she said. "We are thrilled to have 65.9% of residents age 65 and over who have received at least one dose of vaccine in our four counties. Along with our community partners who are eligible to administer vaccinations, we are making great progress in vaccinating our communities. This is the light at the end of the tunnel we have all been waiting for. We couldn't do it without the support of our community partners and most especially the hundreds of volunteers who have stepped up to help!"

The assurance of a steady allocation of vaccines has allowed the health department to offer more clinics in each of its counties. In addition, more providers have come on board and are serving some of the 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. "Late last week, over 22,000 postcards were mailed to home addresses of individuals 60 and older in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties to support efforts to reach out to those who have not yet signed up for vaccination."

*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](http://nwhealth.org).*

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Today, March 16 the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 28 new cases: Antrim (7), Charlevoix (5), Emmet (3), and Otsego (13) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,031), Charlevoix (1,103), Emmet (1,585), and Otsego (1,332).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (883), Charlevoix (981), Emmet (1,368), and Otsego (1,031).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (20), Charlevoix (13), Emmet (38), and Otsego (27).

The State of Michigan is reporting 612,628 cases and 15,810 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](#).