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[l.johnson@nwhealth.org](mailto:l.johnson@nwhealth.org)[www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org)**March 18, 2021****Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update****Eligible vaccine providers increase with multiple access points in region**

In addition to health departments and hospitals, many additional providers are now receiving allocations of COVID-19 vaccine including Federally Qualified Health Centers, doctor's offices, as well as chain and local pharmacies.

Janssen (Johnson & Johnson), the most recent vaccine given Emergency Use Authorization by the Food and Drug Administration, is a single dose vaccine that can be stored in a refrigerator – opening options for further distribution. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is deploying "strike teams" comprised of health department staff and members of the National Guard to reach congregate housing and homebound individuals in rural areas of its jurisdiction. The health department is also redistributing the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine to providers and pharmacies in small communities that may be located a fair distance from larger, mass clinics.

"We are fortunate that additional partners who can administer vaccinations are added every day," said Health Officer Lisa Peacock. "Through strong partnership with agencies such as Commissions on Aging, EMS, and providers of in-home care, as well as our hospitals, providers, and pharmacies, we are able to stretch the resources of our communities in the most effective way!"

The health department has created and is distributing a [flyer highlighting agencies, pharmacies and other providers](#) who are offering vaccine appointments to residents.

Health department staff are regularly adapting communications strategies to meet community needs. Last week, over 22,000 registered voters over the age of 50 in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties were mailed a postcard with information about how to pre-register and schedule an appointment. These postcards are also being distributed through senior centers, Meals on Wheels, and other providers who serve older adults.

Anyone can assist an interested senior who has not yet been vaccinated by registering on either the health department website [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org), or by calling the senior hotline at 231-715-5557, or their Senior Services or Commission on Aging office. Additional information about vaccine providers, availability, and clinic locations, can be found at [www.vaccinefinder.org](http://www.vaccinefinder.org).

Today, March 18, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 50 new cases: Antrim (13), Charlevoix (9), Emmet (2), and Otsego (26) counties. Today we are also reporting 1 new COVID-19 associated death in Otsego county. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

*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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- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,055), Charlevoix (1,121), Emmet (1,593), and Otsego (1,378).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (888), Charlevoix (983), Emmet (1,379), and Otsego (1,039).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (20), Charlevoix (13), Emmet (38), and Otsego (28).

The State of Michigan is reporting 618,421 cases and 15,835 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](#).

CUTLINE:

This flyer highlighting agencies, pharmacies and other providers who are offering COVID-19 vaccination appointments is being distributed throughout the Health Department of Northwest Michigan region.

# COVID-19 VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE!

The following organizations are offering COVID-19 vaccination appointments in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. Contact the site directly for details on eligibility and appointments.

If you have barriers to internet access or other constraints, call 2-1-1 or the Aging Hotline at 231-715-5557.

**FOR ADDITIONAL SITE UPDATES VISIT  
VACCINEFINDER.ORG**

**Alcona Health Center  
(Emmet County)**  
alconahealthcenters.org  
989-736-9819

**Bellaire Family Health Center  
(Antrim County)**  
ejfhc.org/covidvaccine  
231-536-2206, ext. 122 or 128

**Central Drug Store  
(Charlevoix County)**  
231-547-2424

**East Jordan Family Health  
Center (Charlevoix County)**  
ejfhc.org/covidvaccine  
231-536-2206, ext. 122 or 128

**Family Fare Gaylord  
(Otsego County)**  
shopfamilyfare.com  
989-732-4114

**Family Fare Mancelona  
(Antrim County)**  
shopfamilyfare.com  
231-587-8491

**Health Department of  
Northwest Michigan (Antrim,  
Charlevoix, Emmet, Otsego)**  
nwhealth.org

**Little Traverse Bay Band of  
Odawa Indians  
(Emmet County)**  
covidvaccine@ltbbodawa-  
nsn.gov  
231-242-1780

**McLaren Northern  
Michigan (Emmet County)**  
mclaren.org offered through  
Walgreens

**Meijer (Emmet, Otsego  
counties)**  
clinic.meijer.com  
text COVID to 75049

**Munson Healthcare  
(Charlevoix County)**  
munsonhealthcare.org

**Rite Aid (Charlevoix,  
Emmet, Otsego counties)**  
riteaid.com/covid-19

**Walgreen's (Charlevoix,  
Emmet, Otsego counties)**  
walgreens.com

**Veterans may contact the  
VA for registration  
assistance  
800-406-5143**