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Gaylord vaccine clinic on April 14**

Munson Healthcare and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan are teaming up to offer a COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Wednesday, April 14, at the Ellison Place in Gaylord. The clinic is by appointment only and open to anyone 16-years and older. Registration for the event is available [here](#).

“This is a great opportunity for anyone who has been waiting to get their shot to attend,” said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director for the health department. “We will be offering the Pfizer vaccine and will be able to vaccinate almost 850 people, including 16- and 17-year-olds. That’s 850 more people who will be one step closer to being able to hug family members and friends, gather in small groups, and be closer to returning to normalcy after receiving their second dose,” Dr. Meyerson said. The follow-up clinic for participants’ second dose is May 5 at the Ellison Place, 150 Dale Dr., Gaylord.

Matthew Mazur, D.O., internal medicine specialist with Munson Healthcare Otsego Memorial Hospital, echoed Dr. Meyerson’s comments. “This vaccination clinic, in collaboration with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, is a great opportunity for residents to protect themselves from COVID-19 and help us all reach the goal of community immunity in northern Michigan,” Dr. Mazur said. “Overcoming this pandemic takes all of us working together and acting to do the right things to prevent virus spread. Our main tool is the vaccine.”

According to Munson Healthcare and health department officials, this regional effort provides a venue to vaccinate people across northern Michigan. “We are excited to offer this clinic with Munson Healthcare and give residents in Otsego County and beyond a convenient and nearby location to receive their vaccination,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer with the health department. “Both of the organizations are bringing staff and other resources, so this partnership allows us to double our capacity and put on this large community clinic together.”

Registration is available now with limited appointments available. The clinic is offered for all residents across northern Michigan 16 years of age or older. When using the self-scheduling [link for the April 14 clinic at The Ellison Place](#), you can only select the time of your appointment as this link is for the April 14 clinic only.

Information about future clinic schedules and registration is available at www.nwhealth.org.

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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