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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Immediate appointments available for vaccine clinics in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Otsego counties

The waiting list to get a COVID-19 vaccination is almost exhausted and appointments are available immediately for clinics in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

With almost 75% of residents 65 and over and more than 50% of all residents 16 and over in the four-county jurisdiction who have received their first or initial dose, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has moved to self-scheduling for vaccination clinics. A [flyer outlining clinics scheduled](#) for next week, April 19-24, is being shared so anyone can make their own appointment for their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

In addition, appointments are still available this week for Friday, April 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Charlevoix County Shirley Roloff Northside Center (old Elem. School) 13513 Division St., Charlevoix. The vaccine being administered is Pfizer (open to 16 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor). To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

The health department will continue to post scheduling links [here](#), which shows the clinic schedule for the full month. The pre-registration link is also available on the [website](#) for individuals who do not see a clinic listed they can attend, or wish to be contacted for a future clinic. Health officials continue to reach out to those already pre-registered to offer available appointments. Anyone who needs assistance scheduling an appointment should call 2-1-1 or their local Commission on Aging or Senior Center.

An update on the status of COVID-19 in the region will be offered when Health Officer Lisa Peacock is the keynote speaker at the North Central Michigan College Luncheon and Lecture series Friday, April 16, from noon-1 p.m. Registration for the event is free and available on the [North Central Michigan College website](#).

“I look forward to this opportunity to speak to our community about how we are addressing COVID-19 in our region and also answer questions from residents,” Peacock said. “We know we are in a race between widespread vaccination of the community and the mutation of the virus into more transmissible variants. In local public health, we try not to get too distracted by the never-ending changes that could lead you in the wrong direction but rather we try to keep our ‘eyes on the prize’ and keep moving forward. It’s not that we aren’t required to shift and adjust our strategies along the way but we always try to remember the big picture. We are experiencing rising cases and outbreaks – again. This has become a familiar pattern and we know that this virus is behaving as viruses do,” she said.

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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Given the opportunity to pass from person to person in close contact, the virus is evolving into something stronger, Peacock explained, adding, “We have stopped it before and we can stop it again – if we all stay home and prevent its opportunities to spread. We know how to do this but we also know the cost is high and the ability to tolerate prolonged mitigation measures is crumbling. We need to remember all we have learned and continue to be cautious – wear our masks, avoid close contact whenever possible, and keep our gatherings small especially indoors. We have a powerful tool to combat this virus, and that tool is the COVID-19 vaccine!” Peacock said.

Today, April 14, 79 new cases were reported: Antrim (15), Charlevoix (17), Emmet (25), and Otsego (22) counties. We are also reporting 1 new COVID-19 associated death in Otsego County. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,409), Charlevoix (1,401), Emmet (2,005), and Otsego (1,981).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,025), Charlevoix (1,072), Emmet (1,496), and Otsego (1,266).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (22), Charlevoix (15), Emmet (39), and Otsego (32).

The State of Michigan is reporting 764,519 cases and 16,619 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:

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is promoting clinics for next week, April 19-24, so anyone can make their own appointment for their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Safe and Effective COVID-19 Vaccination

Appointments Available!

Visit clinic specific webpage below to schedule.

Open to all residents 16 and older. For vaccination a parent or legal guardian must accompany minor.

Need assistance scheduling? Call 2-1-1

Additional clinic dates available: www.nwhealth.org



Monday, April 19, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

North Central Michigan College Student and Community Resource Center, Petoskey

Vaccine: Pfizer Web link: tinyurl.com/HDNW-NCMC

Tuesday, April 20, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Ellison Place, 150 Dale Dr., Gaylord

Vaccine: Pfizer Web link: tinyurl.com/EllisonCovidVax

Thursday, April 22, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Charlevoix Co. Shirley Roloff Northside Center (old Elem. School)
13513 Division St., Charlevoix

Vaccine: Pfizer Web link: tinyurl.com/ChxCovidVax

Friday, April 23, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Emmet County Fairgrounds, Petoskey

Vaccine: Pfizer Web link: tinyurl.com/EmmetFairgroundVax

Saturday, April 24, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Elk Rapids High School, 308 Meguzee Pt., Elk Rapids

Vaccine: Pfizer Web link: tinyurl.com/ElkRapidsCovidVax