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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Health department has immediate clinic openings this week

Appointments are immediately available this week at COVID-19 vaccination clinics throughout the Health Department of Northwest Michigan four-county jurisdiction.

The health department is expected to administer more than 4,000 doses this week (see clinic schedule below). Although scheduling an appointment is requested, walk-ins are welcome. Scheduling an appointment ahead of time allows for health department staff to ensure enough vaccine is available at each clinic and reduces the appointment time. Anyone experiencing barriers with scheduling or receiving a vaccination should call 2-1-1 or their local Commission on Aging or Senior Services Center for assistance.

In addition to getting vaccinated as early as possible, Dr. Josh Meyerson, health department medical director, is reminding residents to continue to mask up, wash their hands, and socially distance. On Friday, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) extended its [Gatherings and Mask epidemic order](#). According to MDHHS, the order is designed to balance day-to-day activities while controlling the spread of COVID-19 and saving Michiganders' lives.

“As we continue to get more people immunized, we all need to limit our gathering sizes and wear masks in public during this current surge with widespread viral transmission,” Dr. Meyerson said.

First dose clinics hosted by the health department for the week of April 20-24 include:

- Tuesday, April 20 – Ellison Place, 150 Dale Dr., Gaylord
12:30 – 6:30 pm
Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 16 or older, parent/legal guardian must accompany minor)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Thursday, April 22 – Charlevoix County Shirley Roloff Northside Center, 13513 Division St., Charlevoix
9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 16 or older, parent/legal guardian must accompany minor)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Friday, April 23 – Emmet County Fairgrounds, 1129 Charlevoix Ave., Petoskey
9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 16 or older, parent/legal guardian must accompany minor)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Saturday, April 24 – Elk Rapids High School, 308 Meguzee Pt., Elk Rapids
9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 16 or older, parent/legal guardian must accompany minor)

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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To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

For a complete list of all available first dose vaccine clinics during the month of April, visit www.nwhealth.org.

Saturday, April 17, 64 new cases were reported: Antrim (12), Charlevoix (18), Emmet (18), and Otsego (16) counties, and two new deaths were reported: Emmet (1) and Otsego (1) counties. Sunday, April 18, 32 new cases were reported: Antrim (2), Charlevoix (14), Emmet (6), and Otsego (10) counties. Today, April 19, 47 new cases were reported: Antrim (10), Charlevoix (9), Emmet (14), and Otsego (14) counties, and one new death reported in Charlevoix County. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,456), Charlevoix (1,484), Emmet (2,091), and Otsego (2,072).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,088), Charlevoix (1,105), Emmet (1,534), and Otsego (1,373).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (22), Charlevoix (16), Emmet (40), and Otsego (34).

The State of Michigan is reporting 793,881 cases and 16,901 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](#).