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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Health department urges businesses to get employees fully vaccinated before Memorial Day

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting today that more than 40,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to people 16 and older, yet cases continue to dominate in the 13-19 and 20-29 age groups. The answer: get vaccinated as quickly as possible at upcoming clinics this week or next - which have immediate availability - and be fully vaccinated by Memorial Day weekend.

Since December 2020, when COVID-19 vaccination clinics began, the health department has administered 40,934 total doses of COVID-19 vaccines. As of April 18, the health department's vaccination status is as follows:

- Number of vaccine doses administered last week (April 12-18): 3,236 doses.
- Number of vaccine doses allocated and planned for administration this week: 4,066 doses.
- Percent of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego county residents who have received at least one dose of a vaccine: 53.2%.
- Percent of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego county residents 65 and older who have received their first or initial dose: 75.9%.

For additional vaccine administration data, please visit our [COVID-19 vaccine dashboard](#). The health department's vaccine dashboard is updated weekly on Tuesdays.

"We are strongly suggesting businesses encourage their employees to get vaccinated during the clinics this week," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Receiving their first dose of Pfizer this week enables a person to be considered fully vaccinated (two weeks after second dose) by Memorial Day weekend. Fully vaccinated people who are not experiencing symptoms, are not required to quarantine in the event of an exposure to COVID-19, which means less disruption for business owners," she said.

For community members, this also is a big plus, Peacock said, adding, "you, too, can get vaccinated prior to the arrival of the thousands of visitors we expect to see in our area during this tourist season."

First dose clinics hosted by the health department for the week of April 20-24 are listed below and individuals can choose their appointment location, date, and time (based on availability):

- 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

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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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)

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

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

Today, April 20, 53 new cases were reported: Antrim (8), Charlevoix (21), Emmet (7), and Otsego (17) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,464), Charlevoix (1,505), Emmet (2,098), and Otsego (2,089).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,094), Charlevoix (1,108), Emmet (1,540), and Otsego (1,389).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (23), Charlevoix (17), Emmet (40), and Otsego (34).

The State of Michigan is reporting 799,140 cases and 16,986 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](#).