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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Health department: Getting vaccinated is the safest way to celebrations, hugs, summer fun!

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is urging residents to continue practicing safe behaviors and not give up the fight against the spread of COVID-19.

“Together, we can beat COVID,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We are asking everyone to not give up...we are making progress! Getting vaccinated is the safest way to in-school learning. Getting vaccinated is the safest way to gatherings this summer. Getting vaccinated is the safest way to hugs with friends and grandparents that you maybe haven’t seen in a year,” she exclaimed.

Those who get vaccinated this week or next should be fully vaccinated – meaning they have received a first and second dose and are two weeks past their second dose – by Memorial Day weekend, the “unofficial” start of summer in northern Michigan. In most instances, the health department is taking walk-ins at vaccination clinics in all four counties in its jurisdiction. Appointments are also welcome and should slightly shorten the amount of time at the vaccination clinic.

“Just imagine all the fun times ahead if you and your family – and our community residents and visitors – are all vaccinated,” Peacock said.

First dose clinics hosted by the health department for the next few weeks are listed below. Individuals can choose their appointment location, date, and time (based on availability) by clicking on the link. Anyone needing assistance to make an appointment should call 2-1-1 or their local Commission on Aging or Senior Services Center. Based on availability, walk-in appointments may be available, and residents can look for signage indicating walk-ins are welcome the day of a clinic.

- Thursday, April 22 – Charlevoix County Shirley Roloff Northside Center, 13513 Division St., Charlevoix
9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
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 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
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 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
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](#)
- Tuesday, April 27 - Ellison Place, 150 Dale Dr., Gaylord
9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 16 or older, parent/legal guardian must accompany minor)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
 - Wednesday, April 28 - Helena Township Hall, 8751 Helena Road, Alden
9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Vaccine: Moderna (must be 18 or older)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
 - Wednesday, April 28 - Boyne City Education Center, Boyne City
3:00-6:00 p.m.
Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 16 or older, parent/legal guardian must accompany minor)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
 - Thursday, April 29 - Emmet County Fairgrounds, 1129 Charlevoix Ave., Petoskey
12:30-6:30 p.m.
Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 16 or older, parent/legal guardian must accompany minor)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
 - Friday, April 30 - Charlevoix Co. Shirley Roloff Northside Center, 13513 Division St., Charlevoix
9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
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 21, 63 new cases were reported: Antrim (8), Charlevoix (11), Emmet (27), and Otsego (17) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,472), Charlevoix (1,516), Emmet (2,125), and Otsego (2,106).
- 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 804,724 cases and 17,031 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](#).