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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Self-scheduling first and second dose appointments available on health department's website, or call 2-1-1

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is allowing residents to self-schedule their first and second dose appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine at clinics throughout Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

All clinics currently scheduled for April and early May are listed on the health department's website, www.nwhealth.org. Those wanting a vaccination can click on a date or location and select an available appointment time. The vaccine that is being administered is noted for each clinic. The Pfizer vaccine is available for anyone 16 and older; a minor must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at a clinic. The Moderna vaccine is available for anyone 18 or older.

"If you have already received your first dose vaccination through the Health Department of Northwest Michigan for Pfizer or Moderna and have been scheduled for your second dose, you do not need to make any arrangements or modify your schedule," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Moving forward, we are opening up the self-scheduling process to make it more convenient for those who want to select the date, time or location that best fits their schedule, including those who may have received their first dose in another area."

After clicking on the link to self-schedule, the website reads: *Please use these links in the calendar below to schedule a first OR second dose appointment. If you received your first dose with the health department, your second dose appointment has already been scheduled. If you need a second dose, please locate a clinic with the vaccine that matches the manufacturer of your first dose. Additionally, if you received Pfizer, please make sure you select a clinic that is at least 3 weeks after your first dose. If you received Moderna, please select a clinic that is at least 4 weeks after your first dose.*

The calendar on the website www.nwhealth.org lists clinics that are scheduled for the remaining dates in April and dates in early May. As additional clinics are scheduled, they will be updated on the website. Anyone needing assistance to make an appointment should call 2-1-1 or their local Commission on Aging or Senior Services Center. Walk-in appointments may be available, and residents can look for signage indicating walk-ins are welcome the day of a clinic.

Today, April 23, 59 new cases were reported: Antrim (14), Charlevoix (18), Emmet (18), and Otsego (9) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,494), Charlevoix (1,541), Emmet (2,154), and Otsego (2,129).

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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- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,115), Charlevoix (1,118), Emmet (1,553), and Otsego (1,437).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (24), Charlevoix (17), Emmet (40), and Otsego (34).

Due to technical difficulties, the [State of Michigan website](#) for reporting cases and deaths was not updated as of 4:30 today. To see if the data has been updated, [click here](#). Yesterday, the State of Michigan reported 809,591 cases and 17,139 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](#).