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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

50,000th COVID-19 vaccine administered today at pop-up clinic in Charlevoix County

Today, May 19, the 50,000th dose of the COVID-19 vaccine was administered by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan! In just less than five months, 50,000 shots have been administered to people ranging from 12 years old to well into their 90s and beyond.

“I am so proud of our community residents for coming forward and getting vaccinated,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “This shows their commitment to keeping themselves safe, their families safe, and their greater community healthy.”

Peacock noted this milestone – which occurred almost exactly five months to the day the health department gave its first COVID-19 vaccine on December 18, 2020 - could not be accomplished without the strong partnerships with other providers, county and EMS officials, dedicated volunteers, health department staff, businesses and others.

The 50,000th vaccine recipient, Kevin Weisler, received his Pfizer vaccine at a pop-up clinic at Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls. Weisler, 41 and an employee of Boyne Country Sports at the Mountain, said he was “just trying to do his part” to keep himself and those around him healthy.

Boyne Mountain is one of several businesses now requesting the Health Department of Northwest Michigan come onsite to offer a vaccination clinic for their employees, visitors and the general public.

“We are extending this opportunity to all businesses, organizations and individuals to suggest community-based locations to host pop-up clinics across Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties,” Peacock said.

The health department has developed an [online survey](#) for businesses, organizations and individuals to request a pop-up clinic at their business, restaurant/bar, grocery store, festival, food pantry, housing community, or other location. Health department staff will follow up on the suggestions with priority given to community locations where vaccine rates are lower.

Walk-ins are welcome at all upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics, or people can make a reservation by clicking on the link provided for each clinic location listed below. As clinics, especially pop-up locations are frequently added, visit the website www.nwhealth.org for the most up-to-date clinic location listings.

Thursday, May 20

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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- Emmet County Fairgrounds, 1129 Charlevoix Ave., Petoskey, 1-6:30 p.m. Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor). To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Friday, May 21

- Charlevoix Co. Shirley Roloff Northside Center (Old Elem. School), 13513 Division St., Charlevoix, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor). To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Central Lake High School parking lot, 8169 W. State St., Central Lake, 3-5 p.m. Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor) or **J&J** (must be 18 or older). To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Monday, May 24

- Mancelona Public Schools Transportation Garage, 430 Dale Ave., Mancelona, 1-5 p.m. Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor) or **J&J** (must be 18 or older). To schedule an appointment for the Pfizer vaccine: [Click Here](#)

Wednesday, May 26

- Helena Township Hall, 8751 Helena Rd., Alden, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Vaccine: **Moderna** (must be 18 or older). To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Ellison Place, 150 Dale Dr., Gaylord, 1-4 p.m. Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor). To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Thursday, May 27

- Charlevoix Co. Shirley Roloff Northside Center (Old Elem. School), 13513 Division St., Charlevoix, 1-6:10 p.m. Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor). To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Emmet County Fairgrounds, 1129 Charlevoix Ave., Petoskey, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor). To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

The calendar on the website www.nwhealth.org lists clinics currently scheduled through June 25.

Today, May 19, 15 new cases were reported: Antrim (4), Charlevoix (4), Emmet (0), and Otsego (7) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,615), Charlevoix (1,647), Emmet (2,357), and Otsego (2,327).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,449), Charlevoix (1,481), Emmet (2,030), and Otsego (1,984).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (28), Charlevoix (20), Emmet (40), and Otsego (40).

The State of Michigan reported 879,685 cases and 18,741 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](#).

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Kevin Weisler, an employee at Boyne Country Sports, was the 50,000th person to get a COVID-19 vaccine at a Health Department of Northwest Michigan clinic. Weisler received his vaccine from health department registered nurse Kacey Romel at a pop-up clinic today, May 19, at Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls.

