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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Health Department official co-chairs subcommittee of statewide recovery plan to help schools, students thrive post-pandemic

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, represented northern Michigan on the governor's [MI Blueprint for Comprehensive Student Recovery](#) which was released yesterday. The guidance helps districts and schools create recovery plans that provide every Michigan student with the resources they need to thrive post-pandemic.

Through evidence-based recommendations, the blueprint addresses challenges across wellness, academics, school culture and climate, family and community engagement and postsecondary education.

Peacock, along with Dr. Omkar Karthekeyan, a pediatrician from the Ann Arbor area, co-chaired the Physical Health Subcommittee. Together, they worked with a diverse group of stakeholders to develop recommendations focused on the physical and emotional well-being of the whole child.

Among the multiple important recommendations contained in the blueprint, one key recommendation made by the subcommittee co-chaired by Peacock, was that every child deserves a pediatric medical home where they can receive comprehensive well child care including immunizations and support for important developmental milestones as well as access to a school nurse and a school social worker.

"It was an honor to give input on the health needs of Michigan students and we hope these recommendations are operationalized so our students can recover fully from the impact of the pandemic," Peacock said.

Some of the most pressing challenges schools face now aren't new, but they have been exacerbated by the pandemic, resulting economic hardship, and social divisions, state officials said.

"The Blueprint lays out a clear multi-year plan for the holistic, whole child recovery for Michigan's students," said Kevin Polston, Superintendent of Godfrey-Lee Public Schools and Chair of the Student Recovery Advisory Council. "Every recommendation is supported by leading research and designed to support Michigan students by those that know them best - leaders in education, health care, and child services from right here in Michigan."

In February, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced a group of cross-sector experts representing education, health, and community leaders to serve on the Student Recovery Advisory Council. The council was created to identify the critical issues facing students and staff that must be addressed and to build

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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resources to help local education leaders in developing and implementing a comprehensive recovery plan that is multi-year, evidence-based, and equity-driven. To view the governor's Blueprint for Comprehensive Student Recovery, visit Michigan.gov/studentrecovery.

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.

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](#)

Tuesday, May 25

- Great Lakes Center for the Arts, 800 Bay Harbor Dr, Bay Harbor, 8:30 - 10:30 a.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](#)

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 20, 13 new cases were reported: Antrim (0), Charlevoix (6), Emmet (2), and Otsego (5) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,615), Charlevoix (1,653), Emmet (2,359), and Otsego (2,332).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,451), Charlevoix (1,490), Emmet (2,044), and Otsego (1,997).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (28), Charlevoix (20), Emmet (40), and Otsego (40).

The State of Michigan reported 881,057 cases and 18,815 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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Lisa Peacock, (left) Health Officer with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, is shown on a recent tour of a health department clinic in Petoskey with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. Peacock co-chaired a subcommittee of a statewide committee to help districts and schools create recovery plans that provide every Michigan student with the resources they need to thrive post-pandemic. To view the governor's Blueprint for Comprehensive Student Recovery, visit Michigan.gov/studentrecovery.

