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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Please Note: Beginning Monday, May 24, the frequency of news releases relating to the COVID-19 vaccine and daily case counts has changed. Unless a greater frequency is warranted, news releases about COVID-19 will be distributed on Mondays and Thursdays. Vaccine clinic locations, daily case counts, and vaccine administration data will continue to be available on the health department website. www.nwhealth.org. News is also available by visiting our [Facebook page](#). We will also frequently distribute news releases pertaining to other health department services and programs.

Gathering and face mask requirements changing June 1

As the unofficial start to summer kicks off this weekend, several changes to mask wearing and gathering capacity will take place starting June 1, thanks to forward progress with the “Vacc to Normal” plan, which outlines steps Michiganders can take to come out of this pandemic strong.

“While the vaccination rates rise, average daily cases and positivity rates are dropping quickly! These are encouraging and hopeful signs that we are truly driving transmission down. They are signs the vaccine is working and protecting us from COVID infection and transmission,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. “The new changes such as relaxed masking and distancing are welcomed, but once again, we are faced with a time that calls for grace and patience,” she added.

Starting June 1, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) [epidemic order states](#):

- There will no longer be capacity limits outdoors.
- There will no longer be residential gathering capacity limits.
- Indoor establishments can operate at 50% capacity.
- Social gathering guidelines are dependent upon and regulated by the venue. Detailed descriptions and requirements are outlined in the [epidemic order](#).
- Face masks continue to be required indoors for non-vaccinated individuals.

Peacock added, “we know that everyone has a different comfort level with these changes. Even people who are fully vaccinated may still feel more comfortable wearing a mask and this is ok – they may be compromised or just concerned. These changes are exciting, and I am hopeful for the brighter days ahead!”

The health department continues to offer vaccination clinics throughout the four-county jurisdiction, in addition to working with local businesses to offer pop-up vaccination clinics. Public health nurses are on site at these events and able to answer any questions that residents may have regarding the vaccines. All clinics are open to walk-ins or people can register by clicking on the clinic link below.

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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Friday, May 28

- East Jordan City Picnic Pavilion, 151 Spring St., East Jordan, 9:30-11:30 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](#)

Saturday, May 29

- Mancelona Bass Festival, 12-2:30 p.m. Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor) or **J&J** (must be 18 or older). Walk-up available; no appointments.

Tuesday, June 1

- Helena Township Hall, 8751 Helena Rd., Alden, 1-4 p.m. Vaccine: **Moderna** (must be 18 or older). To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Short's Brewing Company, 121 N. Bridge St., Bellaire, 4-6 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](#)

Wednesday, June 2

- Helena Township Hall, 8751 Helena Rd., Alden, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor). To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord, 1- 4:20 p.m. Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor). To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Mackinaw City Recreation Center, 507 W. Central Ave., Mackinaw City, 12-2 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](#)

Thursday, June 3

- Charlevoix Co. Shirley Roloff Northside Center, 13513 Division St., Charlevoix, 1-4 p.m. Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor). To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs, 1-4:20 p.m. Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor). To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Friday, June 4

- Odawa Casino, 1760 Lears Rd., Petoskey, 12-4 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](#)
- Corwith Township Hall, 8170 Mill St. (Old 27), Vanderbilt, 2-4 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](#)

Saturday, June 5

- Odawa Casino, 1760 Lears Rd., Petoskey, 11 a.m.-2 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](#)

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

On Tuesday, May 25, 4 new cases were reported: Antrim (1), Charlevoix (2), Emmet (1), and Otsego (0) counties, and 1 new COVID-19 associated death in Emmet County. On Wednesday, May 26, 6 new case was reported: Antrim (5), Charlevoix (0), Emmet (0), and Otsego (1) counties. Today, May 27, 3 new cases were reported: Antrim (1), Charlevoix (0), Emmet (0), and Otsego (2) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,624), Charlevoix (1,663), Emmet (2,368), and Otsego (2,341).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,495), Charlevoix (1,524), Emmet (2,131), and Otsego (2,082).

- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (28), Charlevoix (21), Emmet (41), and Otsego (40).

The State of Michigan reported 886,660 cases and 19,090 deaths.

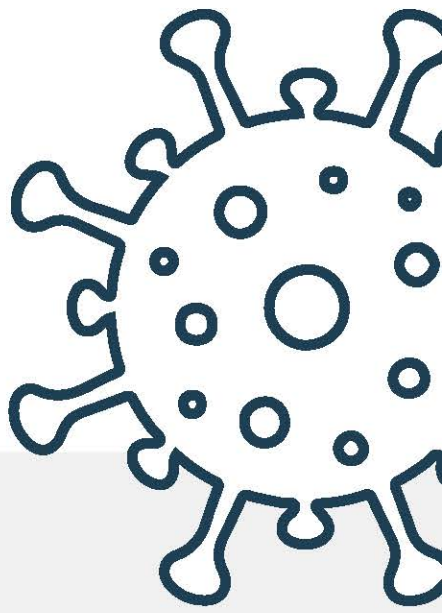
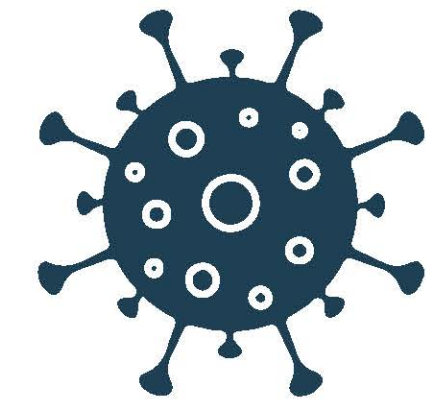
Stay up to date on the latest information in the Health Department of Northwest Michigan jurisdiction by [liking and following our Facebook page](#) and visiting our [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#). To locate a testing facility, visit the [Michigan COVID-19 Test Finder website](#). To track the risk levels 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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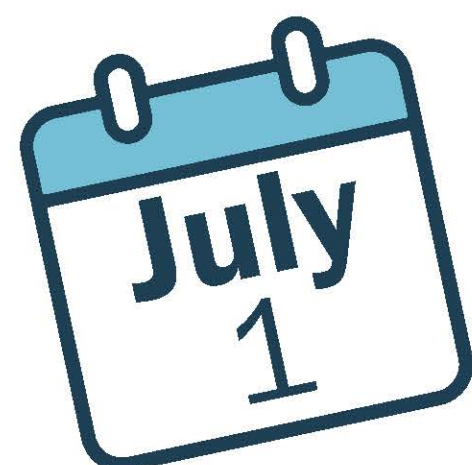
This Michigan Department of Health and Human Services infographic details some of the epidemic order changes effective June 1.



Beginning June 1:



- There will no longer be capacity limits outdoors.
- There will no longer be capacity limits at residential gatherings.
- Indoor establishments will be at 50% capacity.
- Social gatherings will now be regulated only by the venue.
 - *For example, guidelines or rules for an indoor wedding or conference would be set by the establishment in which it is hosted.*
- Face masks continue to be required for non-vaccinated individuals indoors.



Beginning July 1, all broad epidemic orders will be lifted.