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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

NOTE: COVID-19 case counts for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan jurisdiction are included in a separate document that accompanies today's Update.

COVID case count low in May

During the month of May, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported a total of 456 COVID-19 cases, a dramatic reduction from a peak of 1,803 cases in April. April's statistic was the highest number of cases in the health department's jurisdiction since the first reported COVID-19 case in Michigan.

"We saw a welcome decline in cases in May and hope to see this trend continue as more and more people become vaccinated," said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director for the health department. "However, COVID-19 continued to take its toll and 10 people in our community tragically lost their lives. We offer our sincere condolences to their families and friends and share in their loss of a loved one," he said, adding that 18 people were hospitalized throughout the month.

Some of the differences between the April 2021 peak to the May 2021 decline in cases within the Health Department of Northwest Michigan include:

- 1,803 total cases (confirmed and probable) in April 2021, compared to 456 total cases in May 2021.
- A 51.35% reduction in COVID-19 associated hospitalizations, May 2021 compared to April 2021.
- A 56.52% reduction in COVID-19 associated deaths, May compared to April.
- The 13–19-year-old age group made up 21% of the May 2021 cases.
- As of May 31, 2021, those age 12-19 had the lowest vaccination status (31.5% with first dose) compared to those age 40+ (70.1% with first dose).

Additional information can be found by visiting the [health department's COVID-19 data page](#), which includes the COVID-19 vaccination dashboard, COVID-19 case count dashboard, as well as the individualized county profiles and the jurisdiction county profiles. Additionally, the state of Michigan vaccine dashboard is available [here](#).

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.

Friday, June 11

- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Charlevoix County Shirley Roloff Center, 13513 Division St., Charlevoix. Pfizer vaccine. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Tuesday, June 15

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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- 1-4:20 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Gaylord office, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. Pfizer vaccine. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Wednesday, June 16

- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Helena Township Hall, 8751 Helena Rd., Alden, Pfizer vaccine. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 12-4:20 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Harbor Springs office, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. Pfizer vaccine. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Thursday, June 17

- 10 a.m.-12 p.m. - Mancelona Fire District Station 2 Lakes of the North, 8058 Pineview Dr., Mancelona. Pfizer and J&J vaccine. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 1-4 p.m. - Charlevoix County Shirley Roloff Center, 13513 Division St., Charlevoix. Pfizer vaccine. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Friday, June 18

- 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Jay's Sporting Goods, 1151 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord. Pfizer and J&J vaccine. Walk-ins only.
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Fraternal Order of Eagles, 515 S. Wisconsin Ave., Gaylord. Pfizer and J&J vaccine. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 4-5 p.m. - First Congregational United Church of Christ, 218 W. 2nd St., Gaylord. Pfizer and J&J vaccine. Walk-ins only.

The calendar on the website www.nwhealth.org lists clinics currently scheduled through July 15.

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](#).