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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.**

### **Already been infected with COVID? You still need to be vaccinated!**

Some people who have already been infected with COVID-19, and recovered, wonder if they still need to get vaccinated. The answer is yes!

“Yes, you should be vaccinated regardless of whether you already had COVID-19. That’s because experts do not yet know how long you are protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19,” said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), even if you have already recovered from COVID-19, it is possible - although rare - that you could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 again. Learn more about [why getting vaccinated is a safer way to build protection than getting infected](#).

Getting COVID-19 may offer some protection, known as natural immunity, the CDC states. Current evidence suggests that reinfection with the virus that causes COVID-19 is uncommon in the months after initial infection but may increase with time. The risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity. COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by creating an antibody (immune system) response without having to experience sickness.

Getting vaccinated yourself also protects people around you, Dr. Meyerson said, [particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19](#).

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.

#### **Tuesday, June 15**

- 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](#)

*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](http://nwhealth.org).*

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- 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Gaylord. Pfizer and J&J vaccine. Walk-ins only.

**Saturday, June 19**

- 9-11 a.m. - Readmond Township Hall/Clean-up Event, 6034 Wormwood Lane, Harbor Springs. Pfizer and J&J vaccine. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

**Tuesday, June 22**

- 1-4:20 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. Vaccine: Pfizer. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

**Wednesday, June 23**

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

**Friday, June 25**

- 8:30-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 205 Grove St., Mancelona. Vaccine: Pfizer. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 1-4:20 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W Garfield Ave., Charlevoix. Vaccine: Pfizer. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

**Tuesday, June 29**

- 1-4:25 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 8:15-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

**Wednesday, June 30**

- 1-4:25 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 209 Portage Dr., Bellaire. Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

The calendar on the website [www.nwhealth.org](http://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](#).