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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.

New variant is another reason to get vaccinated

The Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus has reached the United States, including cases in Michigan, and poses a threat to those who are not vaccinated. It's another reason to get vaccinated, health officials say.

The Delta variant, which was first detected in India, now accounts for close to 10% of all infections in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which states that it is a variant of concern due to being even more contagious than previous variants that have circulated here.

"The good news is that recent studies show that the current vaccines are effective against this new and emerging variant as well as others that have spread across the country," said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "If you are fully vaccinated – meaning two weeks after receiving your second vaccination of either Pfizer or Moderna or two weeks after the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine – you are well protected from getting sick from COVID," Dr. Meyerson said.

"Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and stop this variant from spreading and becoming dominant in the U.S. or reaching our communities in northern Michigan," he added. "We need to continue to get doses in arms to mitigate the spread of this variant and new variants in the future," he said.

The health department is attempting to remove any barriers to receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, including hosting "pop-up" clinics, upon request, at sites across its four-county jurisdiction. Businesses and individuals are invited to suggest a clinic location by [completing a simple form](#).

"We especially are seeking clinic sites in Antrim and Otsego counties," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "We welcome suggestions from residents in those two counties who would like to request us to host a vaccination clinic at their business for their employees and also community members," Peacock added.

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 18

- 11 a.m. -12 p.m. - Jay's Sporting Goods, 1151 S. Otsego Ave., Gaylord. Pfizer and J&J vaccine. Walk-ins only.

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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- 1:30-3:30 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.

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

- 8:30-10:30 a.m. - Great Lakes Center for the Arts, 800 Bay Harbor Dr., Bay Harbor. Vaccine: Pfizer, J&J. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 1-4:20 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. Vaccine: Pfizer. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 4-6 p.m. - Short's Brewing Company, 121 N. Bridge St., Bellaire. Vaccine: Pfizer, J&J. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Wednesday, June 23

- 9 a.m.-noon – Harbor Springs Farmers Market, W. Main St., Harbor Springs. Vaccine: Pfizer, J&J. Walk-ins only.
- 1-4:20 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. Vaccine: Pfizer. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 2-4 p.m. - Littlefield/Alanson Community Building, 7631 US 31 N., Alanson. Vaccine: Pfizer or J&J. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Thursday, June 24

- 9 a.m.-noon – Charlevoix Farmers Market, 307 Bridge St., Charlevoix. Vaccine: Pfizer or J&J. Walk-ins only.
- 11 a.m. -1 p.m. - Pellston General Store, 45 US-31, Pellston. Vaccine: Pfizer or J&J. Walk-ins only.
- 2:30-5:30 p.m. - Charlevoix Public Schools Bus Garage, 1021 May St., Charlevoix. Drive-through. Vaccine: Pfizer or J&J. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 2:30-5:30 p.m. - Mackinaw City Municipal Building, 102 S. Huron Ave., Mackinaw City. Vaccine: Pfizer or J&J. Walk-ins only.

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](#)

Saturday, June 16

- 3-7 p.m. - East Jordan Freedom Festival, Memorial Park, 101 Spring St., East Jordan. Vaccine: Pfizer or J&J. Walk-ins only.

Tuesday, June 29

- 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](#)
- 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](#)

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 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](#).