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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Mask or no mask? State updates face mask use recommendations

It can be confusing to understand when or where to wear a mask, and the state has come up with new recommendations for face mask use to prevent COVID-19 transmission.

There is no longer a statewide requirement to wear a face mask in most settings, but the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released its [recommendations for face mask use effective June 22](#).

“Everyone should gauge their environment and take steps to mitigate their risks and all of us should be accepting of someone’s preference to wear a mask and understand that there continue to be certain situations where masks are still recommended or required,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. Further, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention requires](#) that all persons – regardless of vaccination status – wear masks on planes, buses, trains and other forms of public transportation, she noted.

“Even without broad rules requiring these precautions, it is important to remember that we can all take steps to protect those who cannot get vaccinated by following public health recommendations, including youth under the age of 12 who are not yet eligible for the vaccine and those who aren’t able to achieve a robust immune response, such as the elderly or those with compromised immune systems,” Peacock added.

In addition, individual businesses may ask individuals to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.

For a full explanation of the MDHHS recommendations for face mask use in **outdoor settings**, [click here](#). According to MDHHS, individuals who are not yet fully vaccinated should wear a mask when:

- In crowded outdoor settings and events.
- Participating in outdoor contact sports.
- In residential care facilities, including nursing homes, adult foster care and homes for the aged.
- In outdoor congregate settings.

All individuals - regardless of vaccination status – should wear a face mask when:

- In outdoor congregate setting where a COVID-19 outbreak is underway (with a new case in the past 14 days).

For a full explanation of the MDHHS recommendations for face mask use in **indoor settings**, [click here](#). According to MDHHS, all individuals – regardless of vaccination status – should wear a mask when in:

- Classrooms.
- Participating in indoor contact sports.
- Residential care facilities, including nursing homes, adult foster care and homes for the aged.

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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- Other indoor congregate settings such as jails, prisons, migrant worker housing, etc.
- Healthcare facilities including outpatient clinics during patient encounters

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.

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, Moderna, J&J. 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, Moderna, J&J. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 1-4:20 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W Garfield Ave., Charlevoix. Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Saturday, June 26

- 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

- 10 a.m.-12 p.m. - Treetops Resort Convention Center, 3962 Wilkinson Rd., Gaylord, Vaccine: Pfizer, J&J. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 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](#)

Thursday, July 1

- 8:15-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W Garfield Ave., Charlevoix. Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 3-5 p.m. - Mancelona Farmers Market, Downtown Mancelona. Vaccine: Pfizer, J&J. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Friday, July 2

- 9:30-11:30 a.m. - Petoskey Farmers Market, Howard Street, Downtown Petoskey. Vaccine: Pfizer, J&J. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 1-3 p.m. - Grain Train Natural Food Market, 220 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey. Vaccine: Pfizer, 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](#).