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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Health official: Mixed vaccination rates among four-counties means ‘we have more work to do’

While residents in the four-counties of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan are making great progress in getting vaccinated for COVID-19, some areas within the population are lagging.

“We are making progress in putting COVID-19 behind us, and we’ve achieved high vaccination rates among many of our counties,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “However, vaccination rates in some areas of our counties are lagging and we have more work to do.”

To help reach all corners of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties, county health staff are attending local community festivals, showing up at farmers markets, and at the invitation of businesses, setting up vaccination clinics in some downtowns.

“We all want to continue to experience the benefits of reduced community spread: seeing loved ones, reopening local businesses, enjoying summer, and safely getting kids back to school this fall,” Peacock said. “The vaccines are extremely effective and safe, and the best way to keep us on the right track is for every eligible adult and child age 12 and older to get vaccinated. Communities that are experiencing high rates of COVID infections today are the ones with low vaccination rates,” she added.

All three vaccines – Pfizer, Moderna and the single-dose J&J – are offered at vaccination clinics hosted weekly at the health department offices in each county. And, typically both Pfizer and J&J are offered at the “pop up” clinics held in outreach locations. All three vaccines are safe and effective against COVID-19 and the variants, which continue to mutate and spread – and will do so – until enough of the population is vaccinated to stop the mutations.

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 or by visiting www.nwhealth.org.

Wednesday, July 7

- 1-4:25 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Thursday, July 8

- 8:15-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 205 Grove St., Mancelona. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 1-6 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. 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.

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Friday, July 9

- 8:15-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield Ave, Charlevoix. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 2-4 p.m. - Jay's Sporting Goods, 1151 S. Otsego Ave, Gaylord. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Boyne City City Hall, 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Tuesday, July 13

- 1-6 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield Ave, Charlevoix. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Wednesday, July 14

- 8:15-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Thursday, July 15

- 8:15-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 2:30-6 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 205 Grove St., Mancelona. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

The calendar on the website www.nwhealth.org lists clinics currently scheduled through July 22.

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](#).