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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Questions about COVID vaccine? We're here for you!

As of Friday, July 9, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan reported that 63.1% of residents 12 and older who are eligible in the health department's four-county jurisdiction have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. While that's good news, it still lags behind the goal of 70%.

"There are still many individuals who have questions or are uncertain about COVID-19 vaccination," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "I encourage anyone who has questions to speak with their care provider, or visit a reputable website such as the CDC, the state of Michigan or our [health department website](#). We're here for you to give you the facts to make your decision," she added.

To get out the most up-to-date information, the State of Michigan is hosting a series of virtual town halls about the COVID-19 vaccine through [MDHHS's Facebook page](#). Once on the page, scroll down to the video section to view the virtual town hall meetings. Individuals will hear about the safety and efficacy of the vaccine, and will be able to get answers to common questions.

A recent town hall addressed information for parents and families. On July 22, the focus will be vaccination of young adults. Each session includes local information and facts about COVID-19 and the vaccines presented by relevant experts, such as physicians. Check them out, as they are a great way to get your questions answered. To view past recordings and see a calendar of new topics visit [here](#).

Health department officials also want to remind students and families that children age 12 and older, those eligible for the Pfizer vaccine, who get a first dose by August 3 can be fully vaccinated before school starts. Those who receive both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have the most protection against the virus. Fully vaccinated students can return to school safer this fall! Students are welcome at any of our clinics and have the option of scheduling an appointment ahead of time or simply walking in! Parent consent is required. Parents should call 800-432-4121 if they have questions or are not able to find a time or date that works for them and their child.

The health department continues to offer vaccination clinics throughout Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties, 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.

Tuesday, July 13

- 1-6 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield Ave, Charlevoix. 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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- 2:30-4:30 p.m. - Stafford's Perry Hotel, 100 Lewis St., Petoskey. 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](#)
- 4-6 p.m. - Gaylord Alpenfest, Downtown 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](#)

Friday, July 16

- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - DerMiner's Parkside Market, 7131 Old 27 N St., Gaylord. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 2:30-5 p.m. - Gaylord Alpenfest, Downtown Gaylord. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Monday, July 19

- 1-4:25 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield Ave, Charlevoix. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Wednesday, July 21

- 1-4:25 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Thursday, July 22

- 8:15-11:30 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 205 Grove St., Mancelona. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 2-6 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

The calendar on the website www.nwhealth.org lists clinics currently scheduled through July 30.

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](#).