



MEDIA CONTACT:
Laurel Johnson, PIO
O: 231-347-5628
ljohnson@nwhealth.org
www.nwhealth.org

August 5, 2021
Health Department of Northwest Michigan

Are your child's vaccines up to date?
Now is the time before school starts

Are your child's or young adult's vaccines all up to date? Before school starts is the ideal time to make sure your child or young adult is fully vaccinated against several preventable diseases, including COVID-19.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all aspects of life, including patients' ability to attend important appointments and receive routine vaccinations," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Many children, parents and families had to postpone or cancel appointments and still may not have had the opportunity to catch back up on needed healthcare. August is National Immunization Awareness Month – a perfect time to review the status of your child or young adult's vaccine schedule of vaccine-preventable diseases through on-time vaccination," she said.

Often, parents wonder if their child can get a COVID-19 vaccine during the same visit with other vaccines. The answer is yes, your child/young adult can get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines at the same visit. According to the CDC, experience with other vaccines has shown that the way our bodies develop protection after getting vaccinated (immune response) and possible side effects of vaccines are generally the same when given alone or with other vaccines. If you have specific questions about your child's health, it is recommended you talk with your healthcare provider to learn more.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has an [easy-to-follow immunization schedule](#) for those birth through age 18. Additionally, the CDC has graphics [depicting the schedule for infants, youth and adults](#) as well as other resources. As we gear up to head back to school, it is crucial that we continue to vaccinate Michigan adolescents with COVID-19 vaccine. Anyone 12 and older is eligible to obtain the COVID-19 vaccine, with parental/guardian permission.

The health department is working with school districts throughout Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties to offer vaccine clinics at area schools. The COVID-19 vaccine, as well as other recommended and required vaccines, will be available. These clinics are open to students, families, and community members. Appointments are preferred by calling 800-432-4121, but walk-ins are welcome, too. Contact your local school district for information about a clinic in your area.

The health department offers convenient COVID-19 vaccination clinics for all area residents and visitors 12 and older either by appointment ahead of time or simply walking in. Parent consent is required for minors. Anyone may call 800-432-4121 if they have questions or are not able to find a time or date that works for them and/or their child. Clinics offer client choice of Pfizer, Moderna or J&J unless otherwise noted. Upcoming clinics for walk-ins or appointments include:

Friday, Aug. 6

- 8:15-11:35 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J. Walk-ins are welcome or to schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 1-3 p.m. - Elk Rapids Harbor Days, 401 River Street, Elk Rapids. Vaccine: Pfizer and J&J. Walk-ins are welcome or to schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Tuesday, August 10

- 8:15-11:35 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 205 Grove St., Mancelona. Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J. Walk-ins are welcome or to schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield Ave., Charlevoix. Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J. Walk-ins are welcome or to schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Thursday, August 12

- 8:15-11:35 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J. Walk-ins are welcome or to schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna and J&J. Walk-ins are welcome or to schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Saturday, August 14

- 1-3 p.m. - Antrim County Fair Craven Park, Bellaire. Vaccine: Pfizer and J&J. Walk-ins are welcome or to schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

The calendar on the website www.nwhealth.org lists clinics currently scheduled through September 29.

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](#).

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.

###