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## **Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update**

### **Preregistration for COVID clinics required; Online or call in scheduling available**

With an increase in demand for COVID-19 vaccine, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is requesting those interested in attending a vaccination clinic to schedule an appointment online or call the health department's toll-free phone line.

"We are very pleased with the increased interest in getting vaccinated against the coronavirus – either due to the more rapidly spreading Delta variant or to receive a booster or third shot – and we are no longer able to accommodate walk-ins at our clinics," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "To assure we have the right balance of staff and vaccines to accommodate our clients, we are asking everyone to schedule a clinic appointment by either [visiting our website](#) or calling our office," she added.

To schedule an appointment in a COVID-19 clinic that offers Pfizer, Moderna or the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, visit the health department website at [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org) or call 1-800-432-4121 to speak to a staff member to answer any questions and schedule an appointment.

Questions have been asked regarding the difference between a third dose and a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and how to obtain the additional dose. To clarify the latest recommendations, the health department is providing the following information.

- **Booster dose:** a single booster dose, to be administered at least six months after completion of the primary series for individuals that have received the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination only.
- **Third dose:** an additional dose administered to persons who are immunosuppressed due to underlying medical conditions or immune-suppressing medications. For immunocompromised individuals a third dose of an mRNA vaccine should be given anytime 28 days after completion of their primary series. The third dose is available to individuals that completed their Pfizer or Moderna vaccine series.

At this time, no additional or booster doses are recommended for people who received a J&J shot.

The health department offers convenient COVID-19 vaccination clinics for all area residents and visitors 12 and older by appointment ahead of time. 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 appointments only include:

#### **Wednesday, October 6**

- 8:15-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. 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](http://nwhealth.org).*

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**Thursday, October 7**

- 8:15-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 205 Grove St., Mancelona. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

**Friday, October 8**

- 8:15-11:35 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

**Monday, October 11**

- 8:15-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 205 Grove St., Mancelona. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

**Wednesday, October 13**

- 8:15-11:35 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield Ave., Charlevoix. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

**Thursday, October 14**

- 8:15-11:35 a.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

**Friday, October 15**

- 8:15-11:35 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

The calendar on the website [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org) lists clinics currently scheduled through November 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](#).