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

**Health Department urges: Get tested if exposed to COVID-19 or feeling ill**

Testing is an important strategy in the fight against COVID-19. If you are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan urges you to get tested. If you think you may have been exposed and do not have symptoms, testing is recommended 3-5 days after the potential exposure.

“We are seeing our case numbers decrease slightly - and that’s great news - but it is important not to let our guard down,” said Health Officer Lisa Peacock. “Please continue to properly wear your mask while indoors, frequently wash your hands, maintain your distance from others and, most importantly, get tested if you have been exposed to COVID-19 or are not feeling well,” she said.

The health department recently created documents listing COVID-19 [testing sites](#) and [vaccination clinics](#) in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. Residents are urged to check the individual clinic sites listed for vaccine availability.

In response to the increased demand for testing, the health department has also partnered with HONU lab to bring free rapid and PCR testing to our communities. Last week, testing sites in Charlevoix, Antrim, and Otsego counties provided nearly 140 tests with an average of 15% testing positive.

Residents are also urged to get vaccinated – whether it be their first shot or their third or booster 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 COVID-19 clinics for appointments only include:

**Wednesday, November 3**

- 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 95 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord. To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

**Thursday, November 4**

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

**Friday, November 5**

- 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](#)

**Tuesday, November 9**

- 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 205 Grove St., Mancelona. 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, November 11**

- 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](#)

**Friday, November 12**

- 8:15-11:35 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. - Health Department of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield Ave., Charlevoix. To schedule an appointment:[Click Here](#)

The calendar on the website [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org) lists COVID-19 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](#).