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

**Health Department: volunteers, partners invaluable  
as vaccination clinics move forward**

The outpouring of support from volunteers, healthcare agencies and other partners as well as the community is invaluable as the Health Department of Northwest Michigan moves forward to schedule additional COVID-19 clinics in the next few weeks.

More than 200 community residents have signed up to volunteer during the outreach clinics since a call for volunteers went out in early January. The Michigan National Guard will once again offer their support in a different capacity for upcoming vaccination clinics. In addition, hospitals, physicians, pharmacies, long-term care facilities, local government offices, first responders, the Community Connections program, and other area service agencies have stepped forward to add their expertise and personnel to help keep our community safe.

The health department is now actively scheduling for Phase 1B, which includes first responders, and fire and EMS personnel. Here is what you need to know:

- Those who have completed the COVID-19 Vaccine Information and Pre-Registration form are being contacted. Expect to receive an email for the scheduled clinics or a phone call if you did not provide an email.
- Please do not call or email the health department to see where you are on the list.
- All clinics will be by appointment only due to vaccine supply and safety concerns.
- Appointments are currently being scheduled for first responders, fire and EMS personnel, as well as anyone in Phase 1A who has not already received their first dose.

“We want everyone to know that every priority group is important,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We have established clinics in every county each week and are adding additional larger scale clinics on top of that. We are exercising full use of partnerships, volunteers, technology, and any other assistance to help us increase our capacity. The outpouring of volunteer support in recent weeks has been incredible, it is a tremendous task to coordinate these clinics and we could not accomplish it without help from our community partners and volunteers. This is an exciting and busy time for all of us and we sincerely appreciate everyone’s patience as we prepare to roll out these clinics to larger and larger groups of people,” she added.

Today the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting 22 new cases: Antrim (8), Charlevoix (8), Emmet (1), Otsego (5) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is reporting:

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- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (756), Charlevoix (911), Emmet (1,295), and Otsego (1,067).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (519), Charlevoix (732), Emmet (1,029) and Otsego (832).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (14), Charlevoix (10), Emmet (33), and Otsego (25).

The State of Michigan is reporting 525,612 cases and 13,501 deaths.

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](#).

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