

**MEDIA CONTACT:**

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but we all need to pull together to meet that goal**

Although the number of positive COVID-19 cases has been slightly declining the past few weeks in the Health Department of Northwest Michigan four-county jurisdiction, the need to get at least 70% of the eligible population vaccinated remains high.

To help reach the goal of 70% of residents 16 and older being fully vaccinated, the health department is welcoming walk ins at all their scheduled clinics in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. Those wishing to may also make an appointment. All clinics currently scheduled for May are listed on the health department’s website, www.nwhealth.org. Anyone needing assistance to make an appointment should call 2-1-1 or their local Commission on Aging or Senior Services Center.

“The good news is we keep making progress toward the goal of ‘community immunity’ or 70% of our eligible population who are older than 16 years old getting vaccinated,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We need everyone to pull together to reach this goal, and we can use your help! Listen to your family or friends who may have concerns about the vaccine, remind them of how safe and effective all the vaccines are, and suggest they visit reputable websites like the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov) or [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](https://www.michigan.gov/health) or speak with their primary care provider.

“Or, if you know of a neighbor who may need a hand to get to a vaccination clinic, reach out to the local Commission on Aging, Senior Center or call 2-1-1. We are all in this together and together we will get through this!” Peacock added.

Peacock provided the following pandemic risk and vaccination statistics:

Positivity and cases per million per day:

- Traverse City Region 11.9% and 248 cases/million/day
- State of Michigan 12.7% and 338 cases/million/day

Vaccination coverage for residents 16+:

- Health Department of Northwest Michigan 56.5% initiated (one dose), 46.3% completed (two doses of Pfizer or Moderna, one dose of Johnson & Johnson)
- Statewide 50% initiated (one dose), 38% completed (two doses of Pfizer or Moderna, one dose of Johnson & Johnson)

Vaccination coverage for residents 65+:

- Health Department of Northwest Michigan 77.8% initiated (one dose), 71.7% completed (two doses of Pfizer or Moderna, one dose of Johnson & Johnson)

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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- Statewide 74.8% initiated (one dose), 67.2% completed (two doses of Pfizer or Moderna, one dose of Johnson & Johnson)

Upcoming clinics for walk-ins or to make a reservation by clicking on the link provided include:

Wednesday, May 5

- Helena Township Hall, 8751 Helena Rd., Alden
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Vaccine: **Moderna** (open to 18 and older)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Ellison Place, 150 Dale Dr., Gaylord
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 16 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Thursday, May 6

- Charlevoix Co. Shirley Roloff Northside Center, 13513 Division St. Charlevoix
3-6:30 p.m.
Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 16 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Emmet County Fairgrounds, 1129 Charlevoix Ave., Petoskey
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 16 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Friday, May 7

- Charlevoix Co. Shirley Roloff Northside Center, 13513 Division St., Charlevoix
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 16 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Odawa Casino, 1760 Lears Rd., Petoskey
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Vaccine: **J&J** (open to 18+) AND **Pfizer** (open to 16+ with parent/guardian present)
To schedule an appointment: J&J [Click Here](#), Pfizer [Click Here](#)

Saturday, May 8

- Odawa Casino, 1760 Lears Rd., Petoskey
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Vaccine: **J&J** (open to 18+) AND **Pfizer** (open to 16+ with parent/guardian present)
To schedule an appointment: J&J [Click Here](#), Pfizer [Click Here](#)

Tuesday, May 11

- Helena Township Hall - 8751 Helena Rd, Alden
1-6:30 p.m.
Vaccine: **Moderna** (must be 18 or older)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Wednesday, May 12

- Helena Township Hall - 8751 Helena Rd., Alden
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 16 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Thursday, May 13

- Charlevoix Co. Shirley Roloff Northside Center (Old Elem. School) - 13513 Division St., Charlevoix
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 16 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Emmet County Fairgrounds - 1129 Charlevoix Ave., Petoskey
9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 16 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Friday, May 14

- Emmet County Fairgrounds - 1129 Charlevoix Ave., Petoskey
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Vaccine: **Pfizer** (open to 16 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Saturday, May 15

- Elk Rapids High School - 308 Meguzee Pt., Elk Rapids
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Vaccine: **J&J** (must be 18 and older)
To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

The calendar on the website www.nwhealth.org lists clinics currently scheduled for May.

Saturday, May 1, 23 new cases were reported: Antrim (0), Charlevoix (3), Emmet (10), and Otsego (10) counties. Sunday, May 2, 17 new cases were reported: Antrim (4), Charlevoix (2), Emmet (4), and Otsego (7) counties. Today, May 3, 18 new cases were reported: Antrim (8), Charlevoix (4), Emmet (3), and Otsego (3) counties. As of 4 p.m. today, the health department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,543), Charlevoix (1,583), Emmet (2,260), and Otsego (2,229).
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Antrim (1,246), Charlevoix (1,208), Emmet (1,709), and Otsego (1,668).
- Confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths in the following counties: Antrim (27), Charlevoix (19), Emmet (40), and Otsego (36).

The State of Michigan reported 849,420 cases and 17,771 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](#).