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Health Department of Northwest Michigan COVID-19 Update

Choose to boost Second COVID-19 booster available

With vaccines a personal choice, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan welcomes the public's questions on safety, clinic locations, and the results of vaccinations in combatting COVID-19. The health department offers a variety of resources to help increase personal awareness at www.nwhealth.org, as well as a direct line to speak with staff at 800-386-5959.

"While we would all like the COVID-19 pandemic to be over, we are monitoring the Omicron BA.2 variant as it increases in Michigan and the U.S.," said Dr. Joshua Meyerson, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "We hope to be a valuable resource for our neighbors as they continue to make decisions about vaccines and other mitigation measures for themselves and their families."

"With 51 new cases from April 12-18 in our service area of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties, we continue to encourage area residents to choose to take the next step in getting vaccinated – whether it's their first dose or their fourth," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer for the health department.

COVID-19 vaccination helps protect adults and children ages 5 years and older from getting sick or severely ill – and it protects those around them. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), all currently [approved or authorized](#) COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and reduce your risk of severe illness.

The CDC's updated [COVID-19 Community Level tool](#) shows the risk for new cases in Antrim County has been raised from low to medium. The medium status means:

- If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions,
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, and
- Get tested if you have symptoms.

Although community levels in Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties remain low and these levels are variable, it is important to continue to use the tools that are available to keep our communities safe. This includes recommendations to stay up to date with your [COVID-19 vaccines](#) and [get tested](#) if you have [symptoms](#). While COVID-19 vaccines are working well to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death, the latest data show that boosters increase protection against the latest Omicron variant. To determine if you are eligible for a booster vaccination or to schedule your booster shot, click [here](#).

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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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.

COVID-19 CASE DATA

APRIL 13 - APRIL 19, 2022

	Total New Cases	Avg. Daily Cases	New Deaths
Antrim	21	3.0	0
Charlevoix	6	0.9	0
Emmet	17	2.4	0
Otsego	7	1.0	1



Public Health Information Line: 1-800-386-5959

More COVID data: www.nwhealth.org/covid19

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