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# Today's Speakers

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

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**Wendy Hirschenberger**, M.P.H., Health Officer, Grand Traverse County Health Department

**Lisa Peacock**, M.S.N., R.N., WHNP-BC, Health Officer, Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department and Health Department of Northwest Michigan

**Jennifer Morse**, M.D., M.P.H., FAAFP, Medical Director, District Health Department #10

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Chief Medical Officer

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# Current Data: COVID-19 Inpatients at Munson Healthcare

## COVID-19 Incident Command System Summary

Updated: 03/09/2021

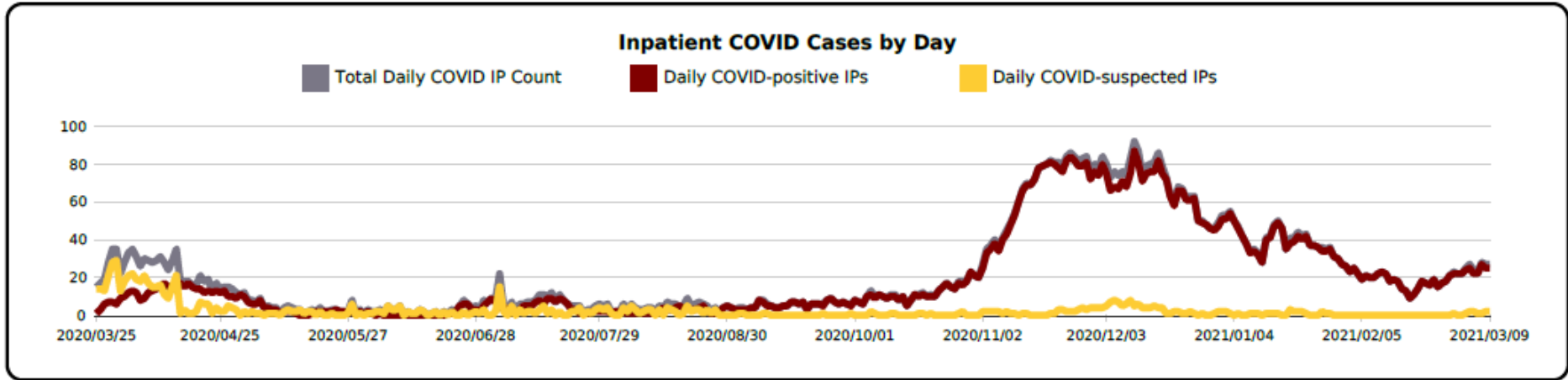
ENTITY NAME	DAILY COVID-POSITIVE IPs	DAILY COVID-SUSPECTED IPs	CUMULATIVE PATIENT DEATHS	CUMULATIVE EMP POSITIVES*
<b>System Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>537</b>
KMHC				3
MHC Cadillac	4	1	20	50
MHC Charlevoix	0	0	3	18
MHC Grayling	6	0	25	45
MHC Manistee	1	0	7	20
MHC MMC	14	1	107	342
MHC OMH	0	0	1	53
MHC POMH				6

**Counts are based on midnight census**

*Inpatients are those COVID-19 patients requiring hospitalization.*

# MHC Hospitalization Trends

Updated: 03/09/2021



# Munson Healthcare Vaccine Update

Public 2nd dose clinics wrap up on March 11, 2021

Community members that call requesting a vaccine are being directed to:

- Local Health Departments
- Call 211 or 231-715-5557 and register for a vaccine
- Meijer's Pharmacy if they have had a prescription filled within the last 3 years at a Meijer Pharmacy
- Rite Aid
- Veterans Administration if the caller is a veteran age 75+
- **Munson Healthcare is not scheduling any additional first or second dose clinics.**



# Munson Healthcare Vaccination Efforts

- As of March 8, MHC has administered **34,119** vaccines.
- **66.2%** of Munson Healthcare workers are now vaccinated.



# New virus variants that spread more easily could lead to a rapid rise in COVID-19 cases

**NOW, more than ever, it is important to slow the spread**



Viruses constantly change through mutation, and new variants of a virus are expected to occur over time.



The virus that causes COVID-19 is known to acquire, on average, one new mutation every two weeks.



Some variants may be more transmissible, or less responsive to vaccines - so it is important to avoid exposure.

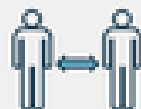


People traveling to Michigan and those who may have been exposed to the new variant should quarantine for 14 days (without the option to end quarantine early) and also get tested.



## **Wear a mask**

A face shield may be worn over a mask for extra protection



## **Stay at least 6 feet apart**



## **Avoid indoor gatherings**



## **Get tested**



## **Get vaccinated when available to you**

# Visitation at Long Term Care Facilities

## New LTC residents:

- Must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival at a LTC facility, which means they are unable to receive visitors during this time period

## Long Term Care Facility Requirements:

- Must be 14 days free of any COVID-19 positive cases — for residents and staff — before any visitation occurs
- Must limit visitation to two or fewer visitors per resident at any given time
- Must offer indoor and outdoor visits (to the extent practical)
- May impose reasonable time limits for visits
- Will make every attempt to use technology to connect residents with loved ones if visitation cannot occur

# Visitation at Long Term Care Facilities

## Visitors must:

- Make an appointment to see a resident/patient
- Provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test within the last 72 hours or agree to an on-the-spot rapid test at the LTC facility (if available) before visitation begins
- Answer health screening questions before admittance
- Complete the visitor's log upon arrival, providing appropriate information for contact tracing purposes
- Wear a facility-provided mask, follow hand-hygiene requirements, practice social distancing, and adhere to the facility's PPE requirements

# Visitation at Long Term Care Facilities

## Munson Healthcare's Long Term Care Facilities:

- Kalkaska Memorial Long Term Care/Eden Center: 231-258-7530
- McReynolds Hall (Otsego): 989-731-7838
- Crawford Continuing Care Center (Grayling): 989-348-0317
- Paul Oliver Living and Rehabilitation (Frankfort): 231-352-2208

Please contact the specific long term care facility for more information.



# Munson Healthcare Visitor Policy Updated March 8

- COVID-19 patients:
  - The time limit for visitation is at the discretion of the patient's care team.
- End of life patients:
  - Patients who do not have COVID-19 may have up to four visitors at a time.
  - Patients with COVID-19 are allowed one visitor at a time and up to two visitors per day, with appropriate personal protective equipment.

To review the complete visitor policy, visit: [www.munsonhealthcare.org](http://www.munsonhealthcare.org)

# Munson Healthcare Visitor Policy Reminders

- **Must wear a Munson Healthcare-issued mask**
- **Must pass current health screening questions**
- **Provide name and phone number for contact tracing purposes**
- **Must go directly to and from patient's room or to and from their appointment**
- **Must wash hands or use alcohol sanitizer before and after leaving any rooms as well as the facility**
- **Some areas may have additional restrictions in place due to vulnerable patient populations or social distancing limitations**



# Health Department Updates



## **Grand Traverse County Health Department**

Wendy Hirschenberger, M.P.H.  
Health Officer

# Grand Traverse County Health Department

Wendy Hirschenberger, Health Officer

- Eligibility Expansion
  - Additional essential workers in Phase 1B
    - Food and agriculture workers
    - Utilities or Critical manufacturing workers
    - Public transit workers
    - Grocery store workers
    - U.S. Postal Service workers
    - Workers with unique skill sets not covered above, such as non-hospital laboratories, veterinarians
  - 50+ with medical conditions or disabilities
  - Caregiver family members and guardians who care for children or adults with special health care needs
- The health department will continue to vaccinate senior organizations locally to vaccinate the high risk population in addition to the newly prioritized groups
- Clusters of cases related to social gatherings, work sites, non school affiliated activities:  
**Screening, testing, wearing masks in groups and social distancing still important!**



# Grand Traverse County Health Department

Wendy Hirschenberger, Health Officer

## Vaccination Distribution

- This week GTCHD will administer 1926 first doses and 565 2nd doses (all Pfizer); ~300 doses of Johnson & Johnson
- The cumulative number of vaccine doses administered during GTCHD vaccine clinics through March 5th are:
  - 11,210 1<sup>st</sup> doses
  - 7,864 2<sup>nd</sup> doses
  - 19,074 Total Doses

# Grand Traverse County Health Department

Wendy Hirschenberger, Health Officer

Vaccination coverage rates for GT County residents based off the MDHHS COVID 19 Vaccination Coverage Dashboard:

- 73% of the 65-74 year olds have received a first dose of vaccine with 36% receiving 2 doses to date
- 83% of the 75+ year olds have received a first dose of vaccine with 59% receiving 2 doses to date
- \*This is from all providers in GT County, including Munson and Meijer.
- 22% of the 50-64-year olds have received a first dose of vaccine with 36% receiving 2 doses to date
- 17.1% of the 75+ year olds have received a first dose of vaccine with 59% receiving 2 doses to date

(19,889 in the 50-64 population in GT County)



**Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department  
and**

**Health Department of Northwest Michigan**

Lisa Peacock, M.S.N., R.N., WHNP-BC  
Health Officer

# Health Department of Northwest Michigan and Benzie Leelanau District Health Department

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer

- **Opened eligibility to 50+ and remainder of frontline essential workers in Priority 1B, group C**
- **Continuing to prioritize those 65+ as well as adults 50+ with underlying conditions, disabilities, and caregivers of children with disabilities/special needs**
- **Received first allocations of Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) single dose vaccine which offers more flexibility in reaching vulnerable populations – initial redistribution plans**
- **Cases and positivity are rising slightly – mainly related to sports and gatherings – major impact on school population. Continue mitigation measures!**
- **Visit the website to complete online form to get in scheduling queue – new and improved process, new strategies to reach seniors**
  - [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org)
  - [www.bldhd.org](http://www.bldhd.org)



## **District Health Department #10**

Jennifer Morse, M.D., M.P.H., FAAFP  
Medical Director



# District Health Department #10

Jennifer Morse, Medical Director

- DHD#10 increased eligibility for COVID-19 vaccine
  - 50+ - with or without medical condition
  - Frontline essential workers except restaurants
  - Caregivers of individuals with special needs
- Planning for larger offsite clinics
- Total vaccinated 39,166 – 26,065 first dose; 13,101 second dose
- Concern for another surge due to plateauing/increasing case numbers and percent positivity rate + decreased restrictions + variant spread + increased travel (spring break)
- COVID-19 vaccine page: [www.dhd10.org/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.dhd10.org/covid-19-vaccine)
- Coronavirus page: [www.dhd10.org/coronavirus](http://www.dhd10.org/coronavirus)
- Sign up for Public Health Alerts at [www.dhd10.org/subscribe](http://www.dhd10.org/subscribe)





## **Northwest Michigan Health Services**

Heidi Britton

CEO

# Northwest Michigan Health Services

Serving western counties from Traverse City to Shelby

- **NMHSI has received COVID vaccines this week and are scheduling NMHSI patients, as well as all approved priority groups**
- **NMHSI has also been awarded 1000 vaccines to be delivered through a community outreach COVID-19 vaccine pilot program**
  - The goal of the pilot program is to help remove barriers to vaccine access for Michiganders 60 and older who live in communities with high Social Vulnerability Index and high COVID-19 mortality rates.
  - Delivery of these vaccines will be in Oceana, Mason, Manistee, and Benzie Counties.
  - These specific vaccine clinics will be conducted over the course of the next 2 weeks.
- **NMHSI is also working in concert with MDARD for the migrant and agricultural workers. All farmers with housing can contact their local MDARD representative to assist with the scheduling as well as working directly with the local health department.**
  - This is a partnership between NMHSI, MDARD and local health departments to deliver the vaccines to this group.
- **NMHSI is currently preparing our website to have the link to register for the vaccine. This should go live by next week.**



Thank you.  
Questions?

# Community Resources

## 211 Michigan

**211** or **844-875-9211**

[www.mi211.org](http://www.mi211.org)

## Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAANM)

**1-800-442-1713, 231-947-8920**

[info@aanm.org](mailto:info@aanm.org)

**Senior hotline: 231-715-5557**

## Northwest Michigan Health Services

[www.nmhsi.org](http://www.nmhsi.org)

**[231-947-0351](tel:231-947-0351)**

## Grand Traverse County Health Department

[www.grandtraverse.org/2394](http://www.grandtraverse.org/2394)

[gtchd@gtcountymi.gov](mailto:gtchd@gtcountymi.gov) or 231-715-5557

## Health Department of Northwest Michigan and Benzie Leelanau District Health Dept.

[www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org)

[www.bldhd.org](http://www.bldhd.org)

## District Health Department #10

[covid@dhd10.org](mailto:covid@dhd10.org) or [www.dhd10.org](http://www.dhd10.org)

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