

Munson Healthcare Press Conference



MUNSON HEALTHCARE

Today's Speakers

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

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Current Data: COVID-19 in Northern Michigan

Northern MI % Positivity Remains Higher than the State of MI

MHC Region Diagnostic Tests

	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	TOTAL	% POSITIVE
YTD	53,254	640,312	693,566	7.7%
14 Day Avg	287	1,317	1,604	17.9%
11/7/2021	262	918	1,180	22.2%

State of Michigan Diagnostic Tests

	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	TOTAL	% POSITIVE
YTD	1,426,921	16,375,051	17,801,972	8%
14 Day Avg	4,992	33,414	38,406	13%
11/7/2021	3,993	23,993	27,986	14.3%

Current Data: COVID-19 Inpatients at Munson Healthcare

October 26, 2021

COVID-19 Incident Command System Summary

Updated: 10/26/2021

ENTITY NAME	DAILY COVID-POSITIVE IPs	DAILY COVID-SUSPECTED IPs	PATIENT DEATHS 3/30/2020 To DATE
System Totals	71	1	329
KMHC	0		
MHC Cadillac	8	1	42
MHC Charlevoix	1	0	6
MHC Grayling	7	0	53
MHC Manistee	4	0	11
MHC MMC	42	0	204
MHC OMH	9	0	13
MHC POMH			

Counts are based on midnight census

Today (November 9, 2021)

COVID-19 Incident Command System Summary

Updated: 11/09/2021

ENTITY NAME	DAILY COVID-POSITIVE IPs	DAILY COVID-SUSPECTED IPs	PATIENT DEATHS 3/30/2020 To DATE
System Totals	99	1	353
KMHC	0		
MHC Cadillac	15	0	45
MHC Charlevoix	2	0	6
MHC Grayling	15	0	56
MHC Manistee	5	0	13
MHC MMC	56	1	218
MHC OMH	6	0	15
MHC POMH			

Counts are based on midnight census

Inpatients are those COVID-19 patients requiring hospitalization.

MHC COVID-19 Surge Comparison

PEAK NUMBERS FROM EACH OF THE THREE COVID-19 PATIENT SURGES

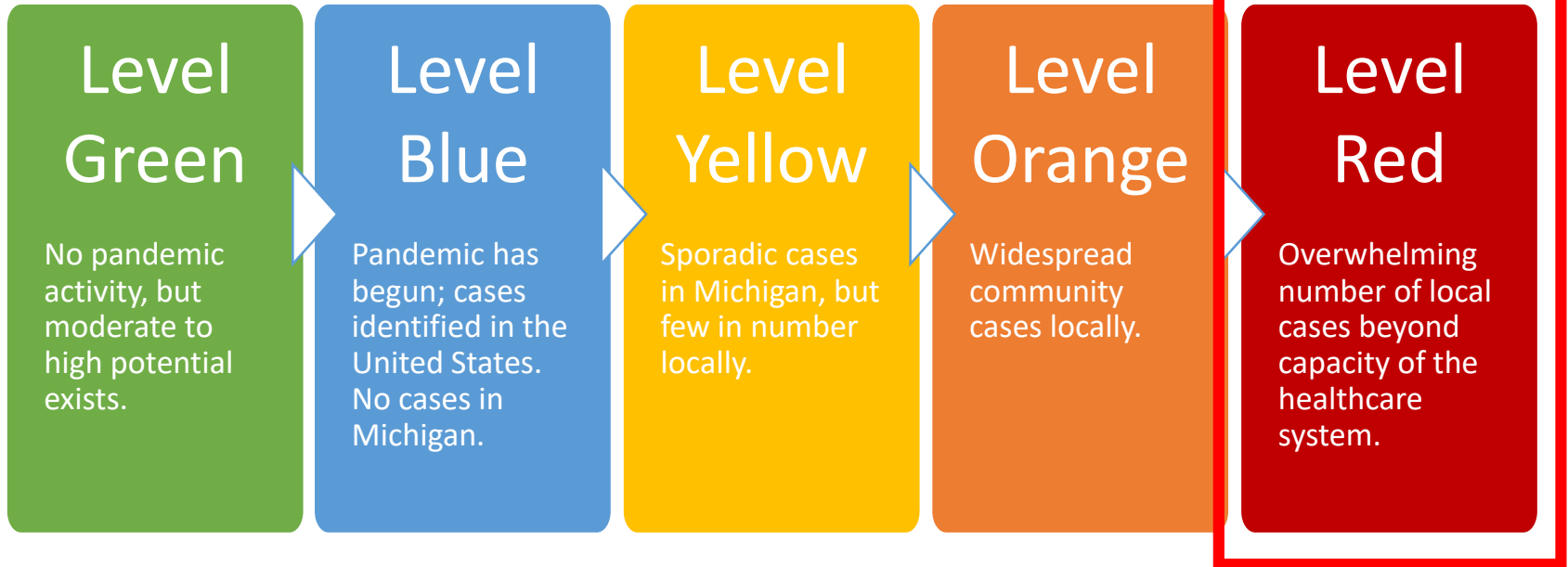
	FALL 2020	SPRING 2021	CURRENT
Positivity Rate	11.6%	17.7%	17.9%
COVID Inpatients	87	99	99

October 2020: Munson Medical Center Pediatrics provided 100 hours of inpatient care.

October 2021: They provided 900 hours – more patients, staying longer than they did a year ago.

(Currently 99)

Pandemic Response Plan Stages



What Does Pandemic Level Red Mean?

- **This is the first time in MHC history.**
- **In many ways we have already been operating in “Red”, and we still have the ability to care for patients.**
- **What changes?**
 - COVID-19 care prioritized.
 - Scaling back of services. (example: Sleep Disorders, some elective procedures)
 - Hours of operation at clinics and labs may be adjusted.
- **What stays the same?**
 - No changes to MHC’s current visitor policy

COVID-19 Authorization for Ages 5-11

COVID-19 Vaccines for Children Ages 5-11

As announced last week, kids ages 5-11 are now eligible for Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine.

Available appointments for pediatric COVID-19 vaccines have filled up quickly at many of the available locations and you may be placed on a waiting list until a spot opens up. (There is plenty of availability for adult vaccines.)

Call your Pediatrician/Primary Care Provider to see if they are offering the vaccine.

MHC Pediatric Immunization Clinic

- Appointments for next week are currently filled.
- Call **231-935-8125** to put your child on a waiting list.
- The clinic will call you to schedule once additional spots open up.
- You can learn more about Pediatric Specialty Clinic here: [Pediatric Specialty Clinic \(munsonhealthcare.org\)](https://munsonhealthcare.org).

Vaccines are also available at CVS, Meijer and Walgreens pharmacies.

Call or go online to check availability.



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Health Department Updates



Grand Traverse County Health Department

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Health Officer

Grand Traverse County COVID-19 Case Numbers and Trends:

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER <small>1st-08th</small>
Average Cases/Day	29	37	49
Average School Age Cases/Day	4 15%	6 17%	9 18%
Deaths	4	11	1

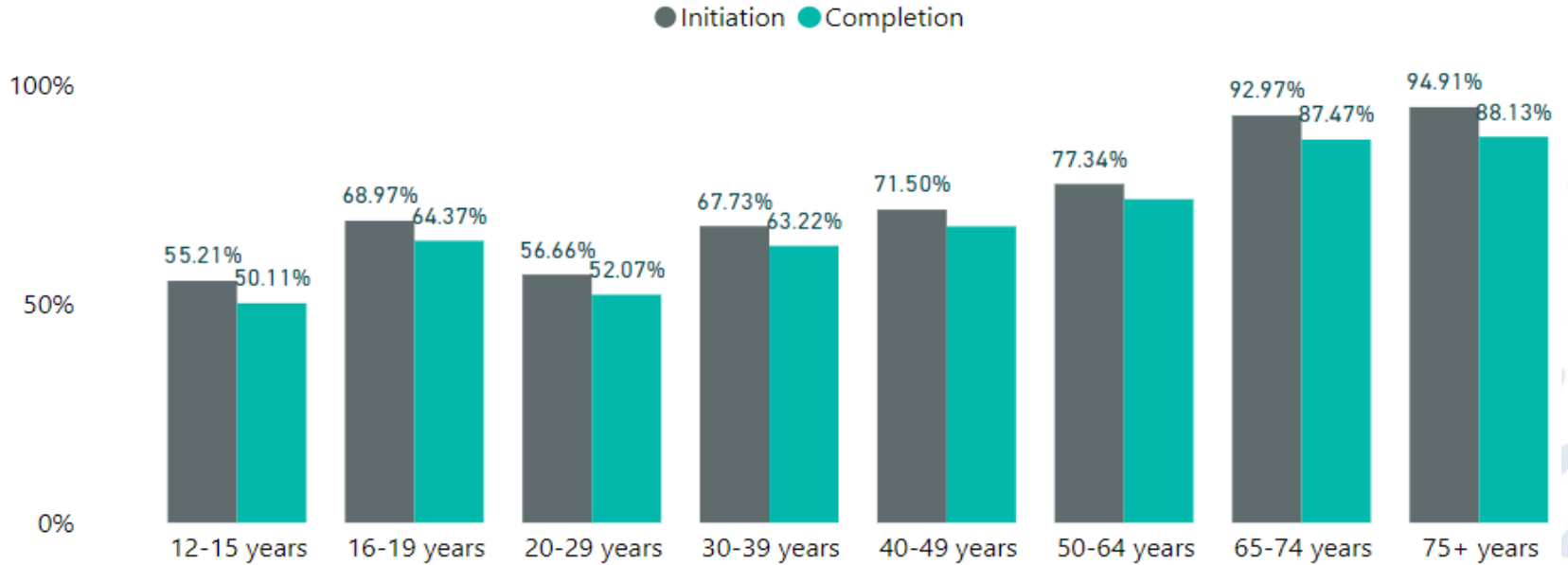
Cumulative Total Cases: 9349

Cumulative Total Deaths: 121

Vaccination rates overall*:
COVID Vaccine Coverage by Age Group

68.6% initiated

64.4% completed



*The vaccination percentages now include the 5 -11 age group, as a result, the overall vaccination percentages have now decreased due to this change.

CDC APPROVES PFIZER VACCINE FOR AGES 5 - 11

- On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended the use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 -11 years as a 2-dose series taken 3 weeks apart.
- Appointments for the week of November 8 - 12 through the Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) are full. Appointments for the week of November 15 - 19 will be made available on Wednesday, November, 10, 2021 at 10 a.m. The link can be found at www.gtcountymi.gov/2394
- Recognizing the nuances that come along with immunizations in a younger population, all pediatric appointments made will be conducted at the **main health department building located at 2600 LaFranier Rd., Traverse City, MI 49686** - not the Cherryland Clinic.

Cherryland Vaccination Clinic Schedule for week of 11/08 - 11/12:

Tuesday 11/9 and Wednesday 11/11 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J offered.
- Clinic schedule will vary based on resources and demand, currently partnering with HONU to help accommodate booster demand.
- Check online at www.gtcountymi.gov/2211 for up-to-date clinic times.
- Appointments are required, no walk-ins at this time.
- Appointments are made available the day prior and can be booked online. The link can be found at www.gtcountymi.gov/2394
- Please cancel your appointment if you are not keeping it to free up an appointment for another community member.

GTCHD continues free COVID-19 diagnostic testing:

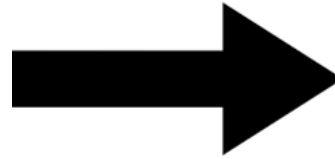
Testing is currently not available at GTCHD for 11/08-11/12 4:00 p.m.

- Testing currently unavailable to accommodate additional vaccine clinics.
- Hours may vary week to week depending on staffing - check social media and www.gtcountymi.gov/2496 for current schedule and link to appointments
- Testing will be available in future weeks depending on staffing availability

Reporting at-home positive COVID-19 test results:

- Go to www.gtcountymi.gov/2496 to find the link to report at-home test results.

Look for this button



**Submit Test
Results Here**

- You will receive either a call from a GTCHD nurse or an electronic communication.
- Questions on what to do if you test positive? More info, is also available on the web page.

Flu vaccine available at GTCHD main campus:

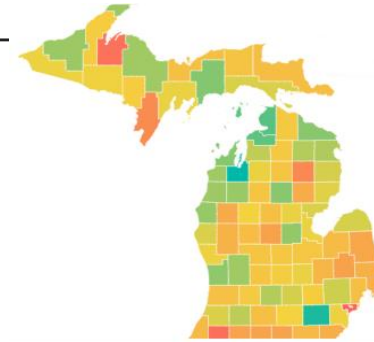
Health Department Hours:

Seasonal Flu Vaccine Coverage

Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Grand Traverse: 30% MI: 18%

- Call 231-995-6131 to schedule
- Location: 2600 LaFranier Rd.
Traverse City, MI, 49686
- Ages 6 months and older
- Medicare, private insurance, or cash accepted
- Uninsured, underinsured and medicaid accepted
- We participate in the Vaccine for Children program



GTCHD encourages all individuals to consult with their primary care provider to ensure a flu vaccine is recommended.



**Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department
and
Health Department of Northwest Michigan**
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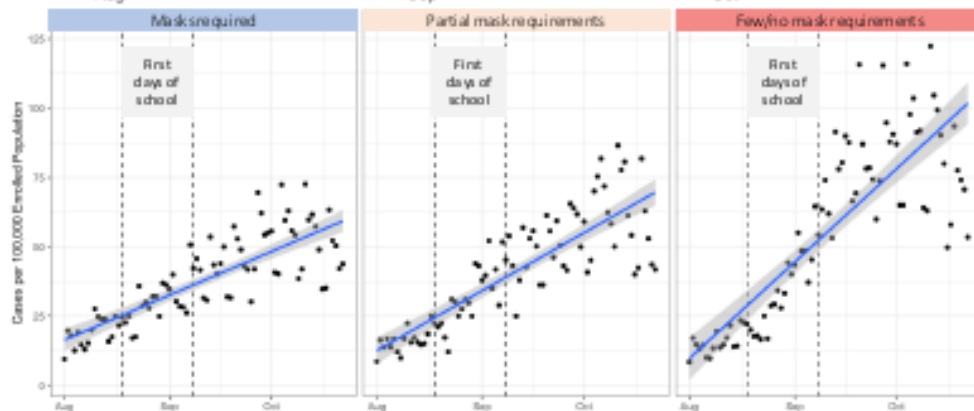
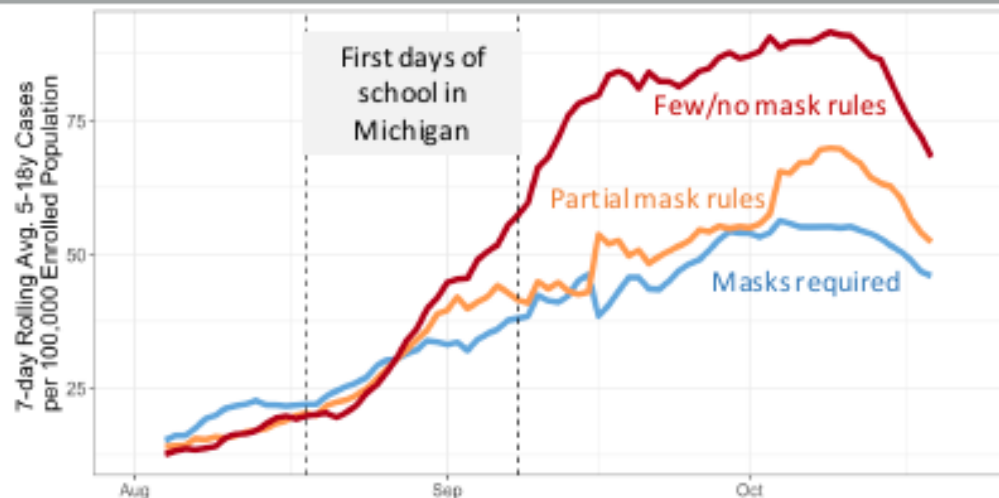
- **Clinics for 5-11 year-olds open for appointments**
 - Positive response to clinics from parents/guardians
 - Appointments readily available
 - Clinics separate for younger clients: smaller and geared toward young children
- **K-12 cases and Mask Order**
 - K-12 School Mask Order for HDNW and BLDHD still in place
 - Slight modifications made for clearer definition of appropriate masks, exemption to residential schools if following approved mitigation plan, and exemption for students and officials actively engaged in sport/performing arts in practice or competition/performance if participating in testing program described by Health Department Athletics and Performing Arts Guidance.
- **What we want our jurisdiction to know**
 - Parents/guardians are making the right choice to have their young child vaccinated to protect themselves, their family and the community-at-large
 - Research and scientists back that vaccine is safe and effective
- **Direct link to 5-11 year old vaccination clinic appointments**
 - BLDHD link: <https://www.bldhd.org/local/upload/file/Upcoming%205-11%20Clinics.pdf>
 - HDNW link: <http://www.nwhealth.org/covid19childimm.html>

Districts without mask requirements are experiencing higher case rates

- 5–18-year-old school population case rates are higher and rose faster in districts without mask requirements
- Districts with complete or partial mask requirements have seen lower case rates with slower increases
- Note districts may change categories as mask rules change
- Note that districts with mask rules may also have other prevention measures (vaccination, testing, etc.) that reduce transmission levels



Masks required = mask required for all grades; Partial mask req. = tiered, some grades, based on vax status, staff only; Few/no req. = no req. or buses only. Blue line & shaded region is a linear trend fit. Data Sources: MDSS/MDHHS case data as of 10/29/21 geocoded to school district, EOG School District Mask Policy Tracker data. Note: Cases are among all 5-18 year olds, population is the school-enrolled population.



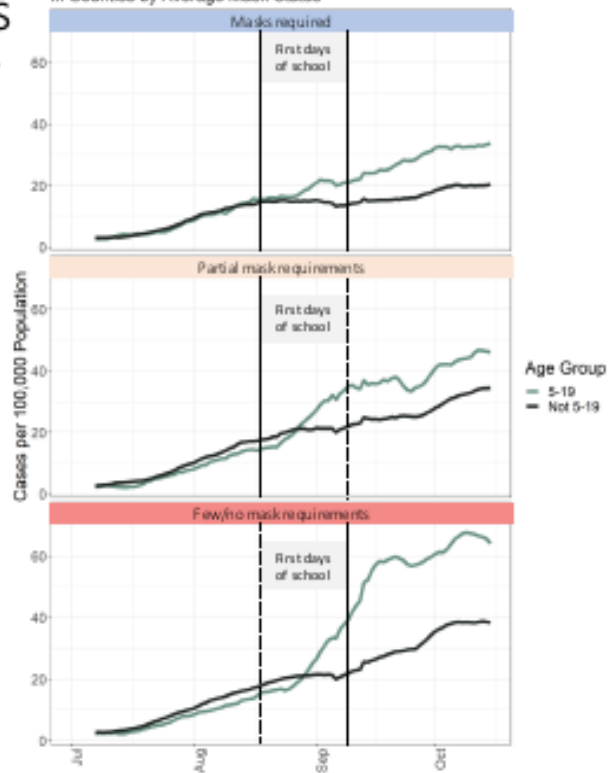
Back-to-school saw case rate increases for all ages. Increases were highest for counties without school masking.

- All mask levels and age groups had similar case rates prior to the back-to-school period
- During back to school, all counties saw some increase in case rates, with higher increases for school aged populations
- However, increases were larger for counties with fewer mask requirements
- In counties without school mask requirements, case rates more than tripled after back-to-school for school-aged individuals, and ~doubled for non-school-aged individuals



Cases from MDSS were examined at the county level (so that non-school age population counts were available) using a district mask risk level from the back to school period, averaged to the county level. Mask levels from EOG School District Mask Policy Tracker.

COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 (Rolling 7-Day Daily Average)
In Counties by Average Mask Status



Unknown Masking Status and Unknown Age Groups were removed from consideration.
Risk Level as of 8/30/2021. Case Data as of 10/28/2021.



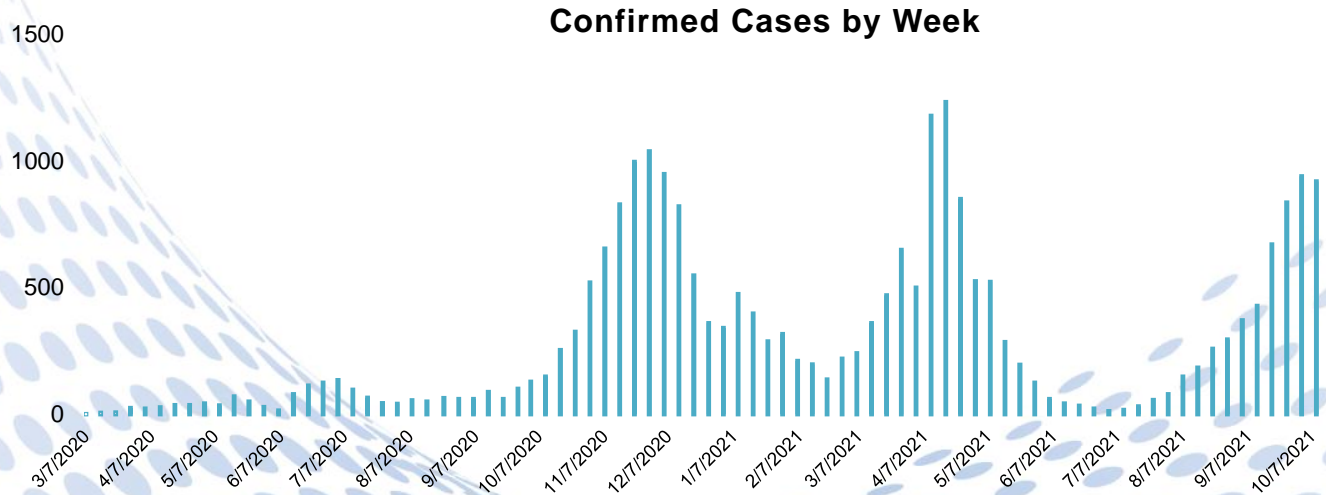
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Medical Director

District Health Department #10 COVID-19 Case Trends

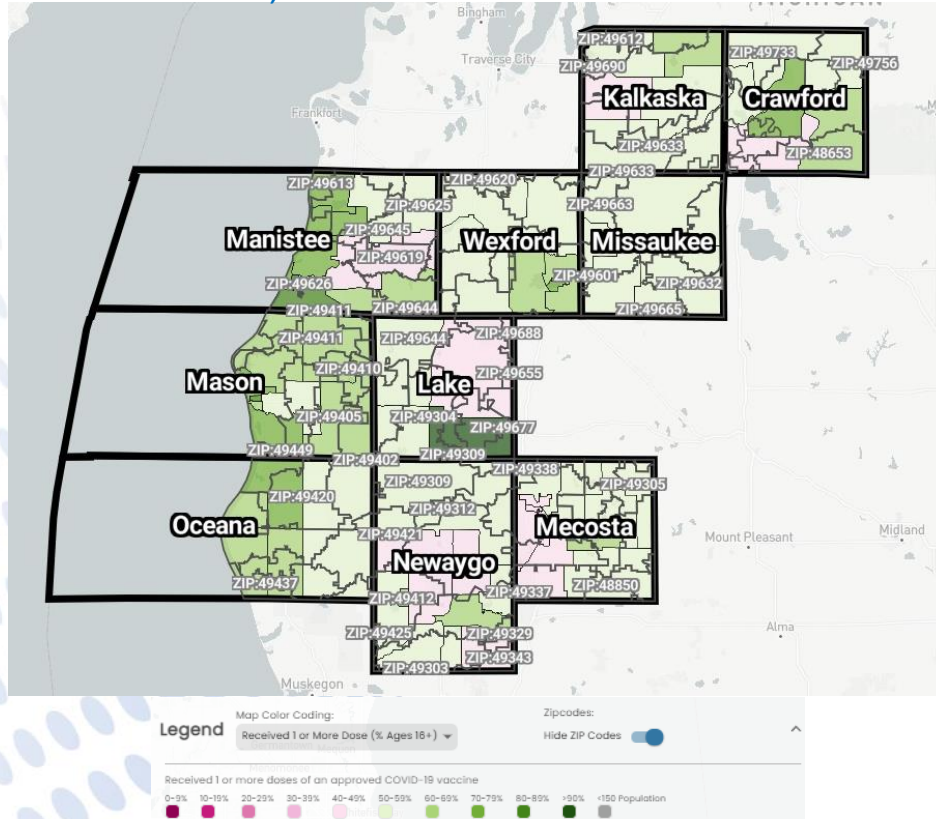
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- Cases **increasing (13.7%)**: October 23- October 29= **812 cases**; October 30 – November 5 = **923 cases**
- Daily cases per million **decreasing**: October 21= **408.6**; October 28= **382.1**
- Percent positivity **steady**: October 21= **14.98%**; October 28= **14.94%**



District Health Department #10 COVID-19 Vaccination Trends

Jennifer Morse, Medical Director



- **55.5%** of DHD#10 residents have **initiated** vaccination
- **51.6%** of DHD#10 residents have **completed** vaccination series
- Map shows vaccination rates among 16+ age group by zip code
 - Darker pink = lower vaccination rate
 - Darker green = higher vaccination rate

*Data as of 11/5/2021 **Eligible population now includes those 5 years and older, so percentage initiated/completed has decreased due to larger denominator

District Health Department #10 Clinics & Information

Jennifer Morse, Medical Director

- Vaccination for **5–11 year-olds** began on Monday, November 8th at our clinics and by appointment
 - Parents can schedule appointments for children at www.dhd10.org/schedule
 - Parent/Guardian must be present for vaccinating minors
 - COVID-19 vaccine widely available locally, and parents/guardians should go wherever works best for their family
- Numerous pop-up clinics scheduled – go to www.dhd10.org/events
- COVID-19 vaccine page: www.dhd10.org/covid-19-vaccine
- Coronavirus page: www.dhd10.org/coronavirus
- Sign up for Public Health Alerts at www.dhd10.org/subscribe



Northwest Michigan Health Services

Heidi Britton

CEO

Northwest Michigan Health Services

Serving western counties from Traverse City to Shelby

We are committed to making it easy to get a vaccine:

- Working with farms, wineries, businesses for Pop-Up clinics
- NMHSI posts a weekly schedule of Pop Ups and Curbside Clinics on our website and Facebook
- We are offering special vaccine clinics for 5-11 year-olds (by appointment only, at this time)
- Walk-ins are welcome, whether at one of our health centers or at a community pop-up event

Testing:

- Currently testing is being done after a visit by a NMHSI provider (No longer accepting referrals from PCP's)

Contact www.nmhsi.org or call [231-947-0351](tel:231-947-0351)





Thank you.
Questions?

Munson Healthcare Hiring Event

In-Person Hiring Event in Traverse City

Attend our In-Person Hiring Event Today (Tuesday, November 9)

Time: 2:30 – 6 pm.

Location: Delamar Hotel
615 East Front Street
Traverse City

Show up and bring a resume if you have one available!

[Follow the event on Facebook.](#)

COVID-19 Testing Resources

If You Have Symptoms, Get Tested

- Local Health Departments
- Primary Care Provider
- Walgreens and Rite-Aid (free)
- www.michigan.gov/coronavirus
(Click Find a Testing Site)
- Michigan COVID-19 Hotline:
888-535-6136, Press 2
- Munson Healthcare Ask-A-Nurse Line: 231-935-0951
- Protect others around you by preventing the spread of the virus.
- Monoclonal Antibody Therapy must be completed within the first 10 days of the onset of symptoms.



Community Resources

www.vaccines.gov

211 Michigan

211 or 844-875-9211

www.mi211.org

Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan (AAANM)

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

info@aaanm.org

Senior hotline: 231-715-5557

Northwest Michigan Health Services

www.nmhsi.org

231-947-0351

Grand Traverse County Health Department

www.grandtraverse.org/2394

gtchd@gtcountymi.gov or 231-715-5557

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

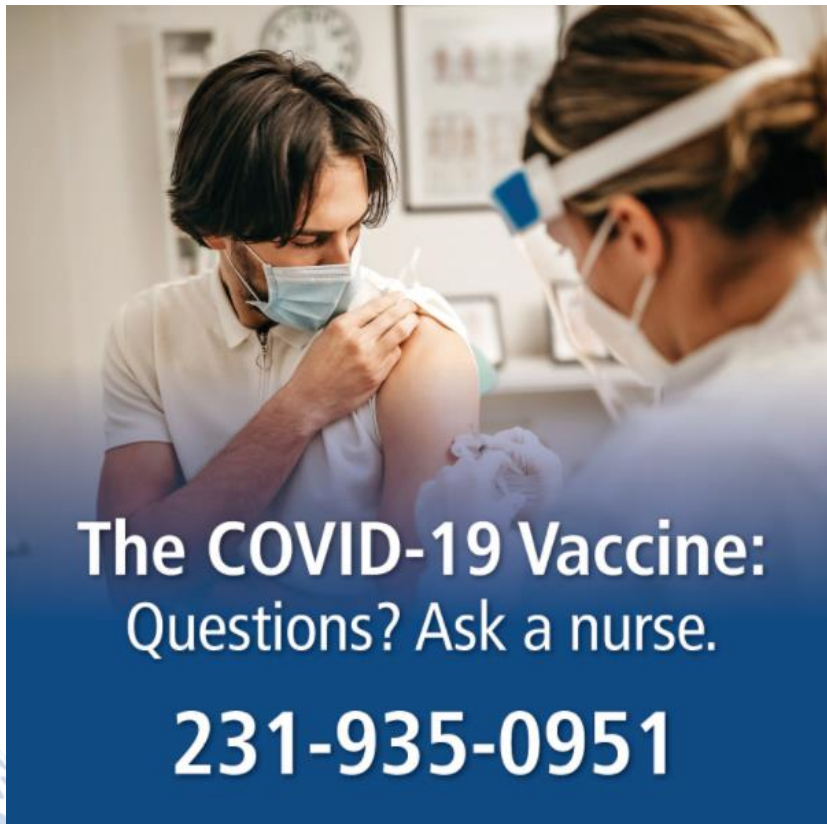
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covid@dhd10.org or www.dhd10.org

Sign up for Public Health Alerts
at www.dhd10.org/subscribe



The COVID-19 Vaccine:
Questions? Ask a nurse.

231-935-0951

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