

COVID-19 Joint Press Conference

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Munson Healthcare

Grand Traverse County Health Department

Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department

Health Department of Northwest Michigan

District Health Department #10

Northwest Michigan Health Services

COVID-19 Data and Vaccine Overview

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Chief Medical Officer, Munson Healthcare

Current Data: COVID-19 in Northern Michigan

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MHC Region Breakout

	CUMULATIVE CASES	CUMULATIVE DEATHS	DAILY CASES*	DAILY DEATHS*
Confirmed	14,215	293	206	10
Probable	2,231	11	39	3
TOTAL	16,446	304	245	13

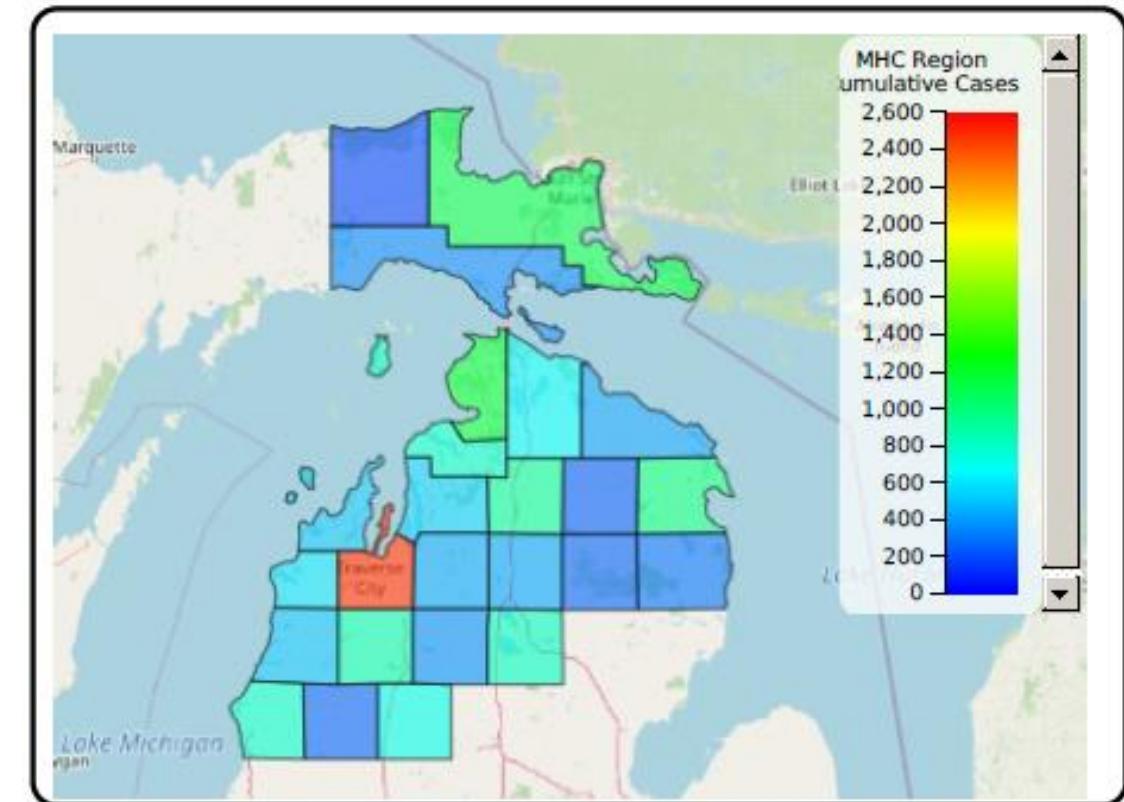
*Weekend State daily volume may be combined for Saturday and Sunday

MHC Region Diagnostic Tests

	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	TOTAL	% POSITIVE
YTD	14,199	267,413	281,612	5%
14 Day Avg	243	2,235	2,174	11.2%
12/11/2020	231	2,235	2,466	9.4%

MHC Cases Per 100,000 People

	CUMULATIVE	LAST 14 DAYS
Confirmed	2,440	579
Probable	383	119
TOTAL	2,823	698



Current Data: COVID-19 Inpatients at Munson Healthcare

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ENTITY NAME	DAILY COVID- POSITIVE IPs	DAILY COVID- SUSPECTED IPs	YTD PATIENT DEATHS	YTD EMP POSITIVES*
System Totals	76	4	99	375
KMHC				3
MHC Cadillac	10	0	10	34
MHC Charlevoix	1	0	1	11
MHC Grayling	9	2	21	34
MHC Manistee	1	0	5	14
MHC MMC	53	0	62	230
MHC OMH	2	2	0	45
MHC POMH				4

Counts are based on midnight census

Inpatients are those COVID-19 patients requiring hospitalization.



COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Regional Collaboration

Dr. Christine Nefcy, Chief Medical Officer, Munson Healthcare

- Limited quantities will be arriving over a period of time, and increasing over time by next spring.
- Not all doses will be going to Munson Healthcare.
- We ask for your patience; vaccines will administered on a prioritized basis.
- **Commitment from MHC and Local Health Officials together:**
 - We will distribute and administer vaccines as quickly as possible.
 - Public safety will remain our highest priority.
 - We will ensure equitable distribution across northern Michigan.
 - We will keep you informed.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Regional Collaboration

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- **State of Michigan Phased Plan for Vaccine Allocation**
 - **Phase I – Limited Dose Availability (Current State)**
 - *Focuses on doses for highest risk populations*
 - Tier 1A: Healthcare Personnel and Long Term Care Residents
 - Tier 1B: Essential Workers: People who play a key role in keeping essential functions of society running and cannot socially distance in the workplace (e.g., Education Sector, Food & Agriculture, Utilities, Police, Firefighters, Corrections Officers, Transportation)
 - Tier 1C: High Risk Adults and Adults 65 years or older

Munson Healthcare Phased Plan

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- Limited number of doses expected between Dec. 15 -17
- MHC will begin administering first doses on Friday, Dec. 18
- Offered to staff and providers working directly with COVID-19 patients in our highest risk areas:
 - Emergency Departments
 - Urgent Care clinics
 - COVID-19 and ICU units within hospitals
 - Long-Term Care staff, providers and residents
 - Phlebotomists, Respiratory Therapy and EVS/Housekeeping

COVID-19 Vaccine: General Public Availability

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- We anticipate a substantial increase of the COVID-19 vaccine in 2021, possibly by late spring.
- In the meantime, please continue to Avoid COVID-19 Today (ACT):
 - Wear a mask
 - Wash your hands frequently
 - Avoid crowds and large gatherings

COVID-19 Vaccine: General Public Availability

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- **Public Resources:**

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Vaccine Benefits website
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Vaccine Safety
- Michigan.gov/Coronavirus
- MunsonHealthcare.Org/COVID19vaccine
- Munson Healthcare Ask-A-Nurse Hotline
231-935-0951, 7:00 am-7:00 pm every day

COVID-19 Vaccine Safety and Efficacy

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Munson Healthcare Infectious Disease Pharmacist

COVID-19 Vaccine Safety and Efficacy

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- The FDA has a rigorous process to approve vaccines for safety and effectiveness.
- The Vaccine and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) reviews all safety data before recommending any COVID-19 vaccine for use.
- Before any vaccine was developed, FDA set the following safety/efficacy standards for any COVID-19 vaccine:
 - At least 50% effective in the population studied
 - Minimum median of 2 months of follow-up in a large Phase III trial

COVID-19 Vaccine: Safety and Efficacy

Dr. Nick Torney, Munson Healthcare Infectious Disease Pharmacist

- It normally takes years to develop a vaccine.
- The following steps were taken to shorten the timeline without sacrificing safety:
 - \$10 billion provided by the U.S. government for Operation Warp Speed, taking the risk out of the research and development process.
 - Overlapping phase I, phase II, & Phase III clinical trials.
 - Manufacturers began producing the vaccine in March 2020.
 - The mRNA vaccine has an advantage in that large amounts of the mRNA can be synthesized very rapidly.
 - Distribution plans developed early.

COVID-19 Vaccine Safety and Efficacy

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- Approved for 16 years and older.
- The COVID-19 vaccine was not tested on pregnant or breast-feeding women; however the FDA recommends that it be offered as a choice at this time, after consultation with your provider.
- Most people do not have serious problems after being vaccinated.
- Reported side effects:
 - Arm may be sore, red, or warm to the touch, headache or fever.
 - These symptoms are common and usually go away within a week and are a sign that your immune system is working as it should.

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- The mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine:
 - will not alter your DNA.
 - Teaches our immune system to recognize and fight the virus.
 - Cannot cause someone to test positive for COVID-19, although some antibodies may be present.
 - There is no evidence or plausible mechanism to suggest it will cause infertility.
 - Should not be given within 90 days of someone receiving COVID-19 Convalescent plasma or a monoclonal antibody.
 - If resources are limited, those with a positive COVID-19 test in the last 90 days should receive lower priority.

COVID-19 Vaccine Safety and Efficacy

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- Munson Healthcare and local Health Departments will ensure that deliveries received have been properly transported, stored, and approved for use before administering locally.
- Munson Healthcare is fully prepared to receive and store vaccines at subzero temperatures, or as required by the manufacturer.



COVID-19 Vaccine Safety and Efficacy

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- You may still get COVID-19 from community exposure, but symptoms may be less severe, just like the flu vaccine.
- You will not get COVID-19 from the vaccine itself.
- You should still practice infection prevention measures such as masking, hand hygiene, and social distancing.
- Go to Munsonhealthcare.org for the latest updates.

Grand Traverse County Health Department

Wendy Hirschenberger, M.P.H.
Health Officer



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- **Focus of Distribution Plan**

- EMS and First Responders
- Health Department
- Health Care workers (non hospital), Long Term Care

What to know:

- The vaccine is key to returning to normal in 2021
- Until the vaccine is widely available, we need people to continue to mask, social distance, wash hands, and stay home if you are sick.
- When the vaccine is available, we urge everyone able to, get the vaccine.

Where to find information:

- www.gtchd.org/2231/COVID-19-Novel-Coronavirus and GTCHD Facebook
- www.Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine

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

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Health Officer

Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department

- **Focus of Distribution Plan**
 - In partnership with the other health departments in our region BLDHD will receive an initial allocation of Pfizer vaccine this week
 - Local health departments will first be responsible for working together to administer vaccine to EMS personnel and vaccination teams.
- **What we want you to know**
 - Information changes regularly, and we will continue to update our communities as we learn more.
 - Clinics for this target population are scheduled to begin this weekend.
 - Masking, distancing, hand hygiene, and gathering limits are still critical.
- **Resources**
 - www.bldhd.org
 - Public Health Information Line: 231-882-2197

Health Department of Northwest Michigan

- **Focus of Distribution Plan**
 - We are one of the health departments receiving an initial shipment of Pfizer vaccine this week.
 - Our initial focus will be EMS personnel and vaccination teams.
 - We are working on an electronic process to smooth out registration.
- **What we want you to know:**
 - As supply of the vaccine increases, so will the number of eligible recipients.
 - The vaccination rollout will take several months- please continue to be diligent in following safety precautions.
 - We will continue to share updated information as we receive it.
- **Resources:**
 - www.nwhealth.org
 - Public Health Information Line: 1-800-386-5959

District Health Department #10

Jeannine Taylor
Public Information Officer

District Health Department #10

- **Focus of Distribution Plan**
 - DHD#10 anticipates first shipment on 12/23/2020
 - Number of doses unknown
 - First shipment is from Moderna;
 - Anticipate having Pfizer available after first initial shipment
- **Phase 1A**
 - Support Munson in their vaccination efforts
 - Hold vaccination clinics for DHD#10 vaccination clinic staff, EMS staff, and Medical First Responders starting week of 12/28/2020
 - Ensure skilled nursing facilities partner with CVS/Walgreens. If not, DHD#10 will vaccinate
- **All Other Phases**
 - Support Munson in their efforts
 - Plan vaccination clinics
- **DHD#10 Contact Info**
 - Hotline – 231-305-8675
 - Email – covid@dhd10.org
 - Media – 231-876-3823

Northwest Michigan Health Services

Heidi Britton
CEO



Northwest Michigan Health Services

Serving Western Counties From Traverse City to Shelby

- NMHSI has been providing COVID-19 Testing and No Cost Flu Vaccination since April in preparation for the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Created Curbside Care – Traverse City, Benzie and Shelby Clinics
 - Medical mobile vans to take the vaccine to the community
- NMHSI is part of a statewide distribution network among Federally Qualified Health Centers
- The partnership with the distribution network means we will receive the vaccine over the next few weeks for our healthcare workers.
- The next priority for distribution will be delivering the vaccine into our rural communities.
 - Focusing on those most vulnerable (eg. People with chronic illnesses, homeless, migrant/agricultural workers, group living, minorities and others with barriers to accessing healthcare)

Q&A