Munson Healthcare Press Conference
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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

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<td>262</td>
<td>918</td>
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### State of Michigan Diagnostic Tests

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<td>33,414</td>
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<td>3,993</td>
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<td>27,986</td>
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Current Data: COVID-19 Inpatients at Munson Healthcare

October 26, 2021

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MHC COVID-19 Surge Comparison

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

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<th>SPRING 2021</th>
<th>CURRENT</th>
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<td><strong>Positivity Rate</strong></td>
<td>11.6%</td>
<td>17.7%</td>
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<td><strong>COVID Inpatients</strong></td>
<td>87</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>99 (Currently 99)</td>
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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.
Pandemic Response Plan Stages

**Level Green**
No pandemic activity, but moderate to high potential exists.

**Level Blue**
Pandemic has begun; cases identified in the United States. No cases in Michigan.

**Level Yellow**
Sporadic cases in Michigan, but few in number locally.

**Level Orange**
Widespread community cases locally.

**Level Red**
Overwhelming number of local cases beyond capacity of the healthcare system.
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?
  – 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).

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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Grand Traverse County COVID-19 Case Numbers and Trends:

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<th>OCTOBER</th>
<th>NOVEMBER 1st-08th</th>
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<td>Average Cases/Day</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>49</td>
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<td>Average School Age Cases/Day</td>
<td>4 15%</td>
<td>6 17%</td>
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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](http://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.

- 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.
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Lisa Peacock, Health Officer

- **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**
  - HDNW link: [http://www.nwhealth.org/covid19childimm.html](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. = s are required, some grades, based on vax status, staff only; Few/no req. = no req. or uses only. Blue line & shaded region is a linear trend fit. Data Sources: MDHSS/MDHHS case data as of 10/25/21 geocoded to school district, EGOS 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.
District Health Department #10
Jennifer Morse, M.D., M.P.H., FAAFP
Medical Director
District Health Department #10 COVID-19 Case Trends

Jennifer Morse, Medical Director

- **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%
• **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
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
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](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus) (Click Find a Testing Site)

- 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

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

www.nwhealth.org

www.bldhd.org

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