

# 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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# Current Data: COVID-19 in Northern Michigan

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## MHC Region Breakout

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

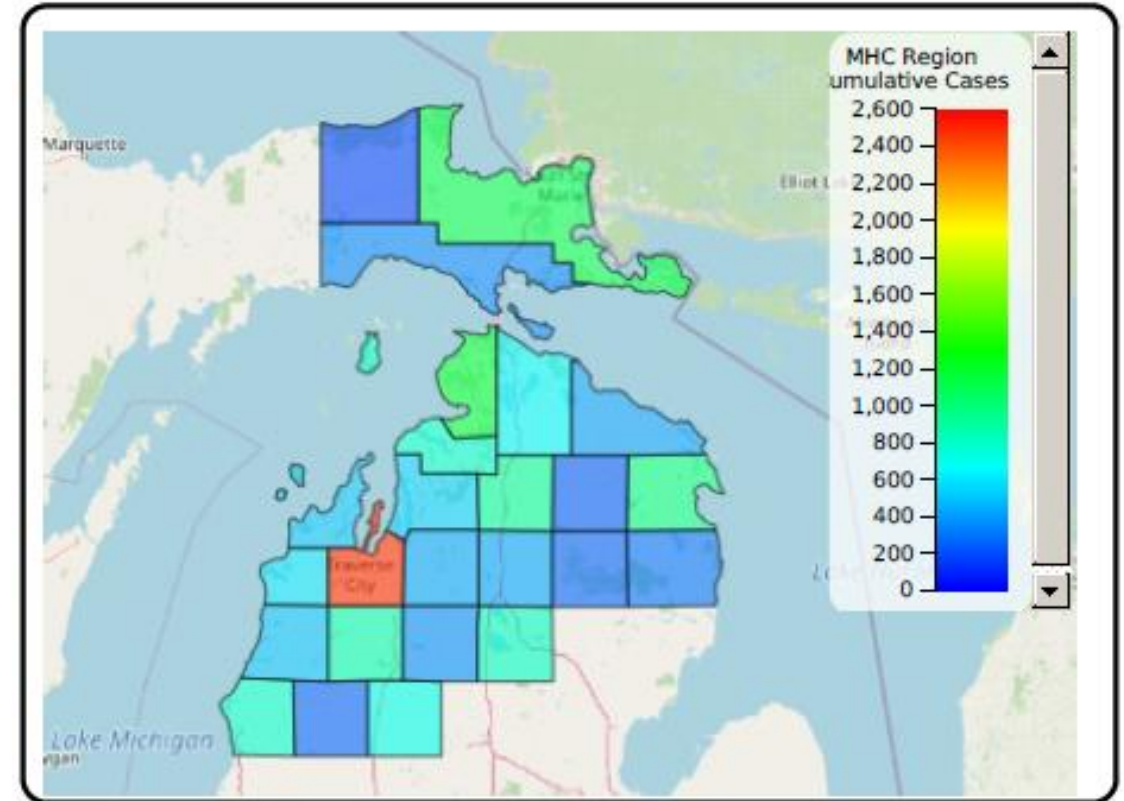
\*Weekend State daily volume may be combined for Saturday and Sunday

## MHC Region Diagnostic Tests

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

## MHC Cases Per 100,000 People

	CUMULATIVE	LAST 14 DAYS
<b>Confirmed</b>	2,440	579
<b>Probable</b>	383	119
<b>TOTAL</b>	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*
<b>System Totals</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>375</b>
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

Dr. Christine Nefcy, Chief Medical Officer, Munson Healthcare

- **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](https://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus)
- [MunsonHealthcare.Org/COVID19vaccine](https://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

Dr. Nick Torney, Munson Healthcare Infectious Disease Pharmacist

- 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](https://munsonhealthcare.org) for the latest updates.



# Grand Traverse County Health Department

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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](http://www.gtchd.org/2231/COVID-19-Novel-Coronavirus) and GTCHD Facebook
- [www.Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine](http://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](http://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](http://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**