

COMMUNITY
REPORT
March 19, 2021



SPRING BREAK EDITION

Even with vaccinations being administered, cases continue to rise in the county and region. As of March 26th, the 7-day average of new cases was up to 32 per day. The numbers being reported to the Grand Traverse County Health Department are reflective of last November's case rates just prior to the holiday surge. To see direct data, [visit our dashboard](#).

Some local trends of note currently are:

- 67% of the cases in the last month have been in those less than 50 years of age (19% 0-19 years of age, 18% in their 20's, 15% in their 30s and 15% in their 40s); this shift reflects the success of vaccination the 50+ groups
- 60% of the cases had a close contact with a known household, social or work contact
- People are socializing in groups and traveling more
- People are ignoring mild symptoms and continuing to work, socialize or go to school before getting tested. If you have cold-like, allergy-like or sinus-like symptoms, please get tested.

We urge everyone to remain vigilant and continue to practice mask wearing, social distancing, keeping gatherings small, handwashing and to avoid travel if you are sick. If you choose to travel, the Health Department recommends you get tested for COVID-19 upon returning. Rapid antigen testing is available at the Cherryland Center Mall on Mondays and Tuesdays. Further information regarding testing, including additional testing sites, is available in the report.

COMMUNITY TESTING EVENT POST SPRING BREAK AT T.C. CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Traverse City Area Public Schools (TCAPS) is pleased to announce the opportunity for any member of the community to access no cost drive-thru COVID-19 testing on Monday, April 5, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Traverse City Central High School (1150 Milliken Dr.). The testing site entrance will be located in the parking lot area near the school's main gymnasium, which is located off of Eastern Ave.



The tests conducted will be rapid antigen tests. Rapid antigen test results will be returned within 30 minutes. Anyone who tests positive on the rapid antigen test or who has symptoms will then be provided a PCR test to confirm the results. PCR test results will take approximately 3 days to process. Additional information and instructions will be provided at the testing site.

To register, please visit: <http://honumg.info/TraverseHS>. Click [here](#) for instructions to sign-up using a QR code. Registered individuals and families may visit the testing clinic at any time between 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Those who do not pre-register will still be able to register at the site. However, individuals who have pre-registered will be able to immediately enter the line to be tested. You will be asked to provide your email and/or phone number in order to receive test results through a testing portal.

SAVE YOUR SPOT



On Monday, March 22, all interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine in Grand Traverse County are able to fill out the 'Save Your Spot' survey to get in the appointment queue.

Visit: www.gtcountycovid19.com/vaccine to fill out survey. Based on the information collected and eligibility an email will be sent with a scheduling link when appointments become available.

All vaccine clinics are currently held at Northwestern Michigan College's Hagerty Center and are based on vaccine availability. **Vaccine clinics are by appointment only. There are no walk-ins or add-ons at the clinics.**



The health department will continue to work with senior organizations locally to vaccinate this high risk population in addition to the newly prioritized groups. GTCHD continues to partner with United Way, Area Agency on Aging, the Senior Center, PACE and the Commission on Aging to assure that vulnerable seniors and those without internet access are able to get vaccinated. Call 231-715-5557 if you need technical assistance.

WALKTHROUGH THE VACCINE CLINIC AT NMC'S HAGERTY CENTER

The average visit to the Grand Traverse County Health Department's mass vaccination clinic at NMC's Hagerty Center for a COVID-19 vaccine is under 25 minutes. That includes a mandatory 15 minute observation period after receiving your shot.

If you have an upcoming appointment, [take a look at the process](#) in under two minutes and know what to expect.

VACCINATION ELIGIBILITY

Starting April 5th - ANYONE 16 OR OLDER.... SAVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

		Estimated schedule for first doses administered												
Phase	People covered	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1A	Healthcare workers	[Green bar]												
	Long term care residents and staff	[Green bar]	[Green bar]											
1B	75 years+ not covered above	[Green bar]	[Green bar]											
	Prioritized frontline responders	[Green bar]	[Green bar]											
	School and child care staff	[Green bar]	[Green bar]											
	Corrections staff and detained individuals	[Green bar]	[Green bar]											
	Agriculture/food processing workers	[Green bar]	[Green bar]	[Green bar]	March 1st	[Green bar]								
	Other essential frontline workers	[Green bar]	[Green bar]											
1C	65-74 years old	[Green bar]	[Green bar]											
	50-64 with disabilities/pre-existing conditions	[Green bar]	[Green bar]	[Green bar]	March 8th	[Green bar]								
	Caregivers of children with special health care needs	[Green bar]	[Green bar]	[Green bar]	March 8th	[Green bar]								
	16-49 with disabilities/pre-existing conditions	[Green bar]	[Green bar]	[Green bar]	March 22nd	[Green bar]								
	Remaining essential workers	[Green bar]	[Green bar]											
2	50 to 64 years not covered above	[Green bar]	[Green bar]	[Green bar]	March 22nd	[Green bar]								
	16 to 49 years not covered above	[Green bar]	[Green bar]	[Green bar]	[Green bar]	April 5th	[Green bar]							

The most updated prioritization guide from MDHHS can be found [here](#).

VACCINATION NUMBERS IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

Officials are reporting the following vaccination coverage rates for GT County residents based off the MDHHS COVID 19 Vaccination Coverage Dashboard:

PERCENTAGE COVERED of GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY RESIDENTS

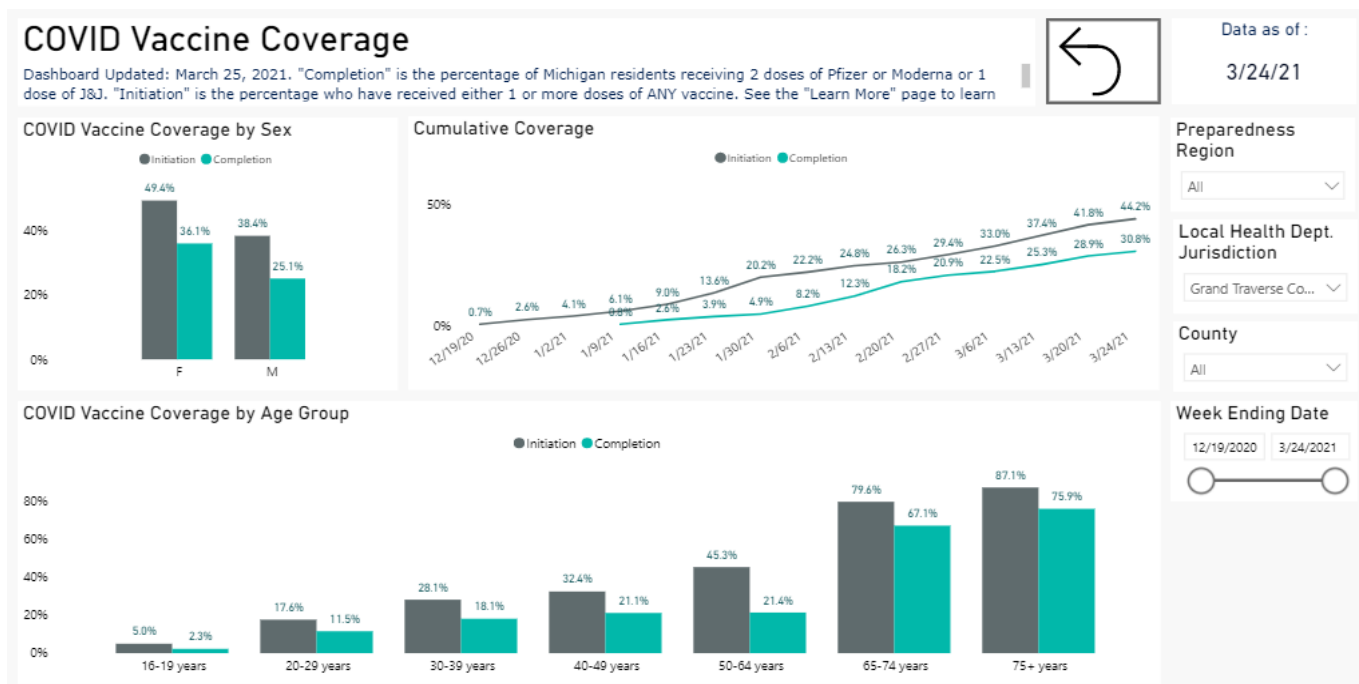
DOSES (as of 3/26/21)	16-49 Years	50-64 Years	65-74 YEARS	75 + YEARS	16+ Years
Initiated	24.0%	45.3%	79.6%	87.1%	44.4%
Completed	15.8%	21.4%	67.1%	75.9%	31.7%

*percentages include all providers, including Munson, local pharmacies and providers

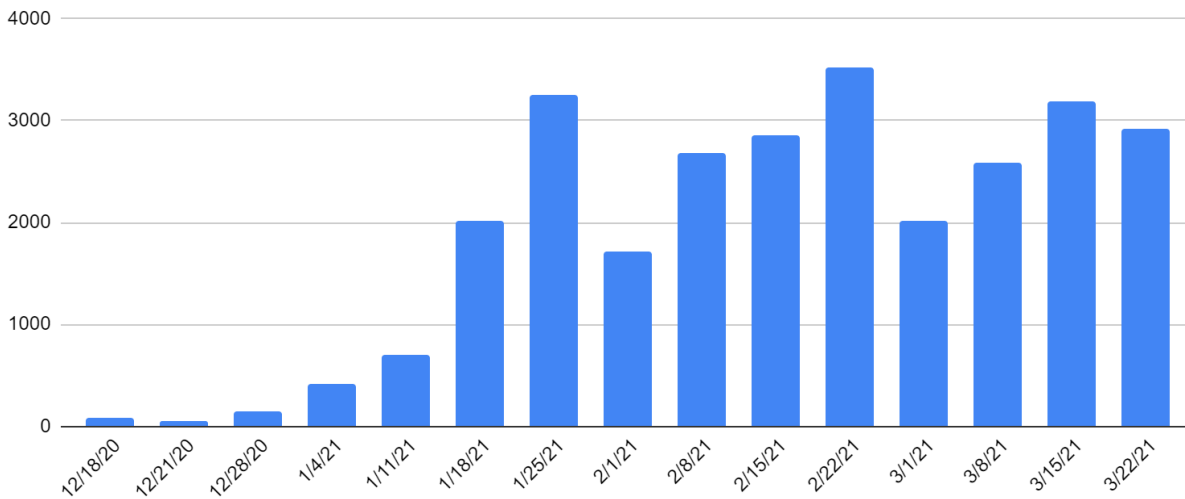
GTCHD is reporting the following vaccine totals:

DOSES ADMINISTERED AT GTCHD VACCINE CLINICS AS OF 3/26/21: 27,736

DOSE	WEEK OF MARCH 22-26	CUMULATIVE (through 3/26/21)
Initiated	1463	16,462
Completed	1462	11,274



GTCHD Total Doses Administered By Week



To find the latest statistics regarding COVID-19 vaccinations across the state, you can visit the MDHHS vaccine [dashboard](#).

CASE NUMBERS AND STATISTICS

CASES SINCE 3/19/21	DEATHS SINCE 3/19/21	CUMULATIVE CASES	PERCENT POSITIVITY (7-DAY AVERAGE)	CASES PER MILLION (7-DAY AVERAGE)	COUNTY RISK LEVEL
226	1	4694	8.5% ↑	250 ↑	E

*arrows reflect an increase or decrease from the previous report

Additional statistics are available on the [MI Safe Start Map](#) and on the Health Department's [dashboard](#) and [Facebook page](#), which updates new case information daily at 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

GTCHD TESTING AT CHERRYLAND MALL UPDATE

Rapid antigen testing is now available at the Grand Traverse County Health Department's Cherryland Center testing site. Testing is free of charge and will be completed regardless of symptoms. Testing is Mondays and Tuesdays by appointment only. To book an appointment, follow this [link](#).



Due to the rising number of cases in the county, **the Grand Traverse County Health Department is asking anyone who is told that they tested positive for COVID-19 to self-isolate at home until the health department is able to reach you. Additionally, any and all household contacts or close contacts should quarantine until the case investigation and contact tracing occurs.**

COVID-19 TESTING:

Grand Traverse County testing sites include:

[Munson Healthcare Foster Family Community Health Center](#) (priority 1 & 2 only)

[Northwest Michigan Health Services](#) (testing all by appointment)

[Rite Aid at Chums Corner](#) (testing all by appointment)

[Walgreens at Chums Corner](#) (testing all by appointment)

[GTCHD Testing at Cherryland Mall](#) (testing by appointment on Mondays and Tuesdays)

See [Michigan's COVID-19 test finder](#) for more options

Testing sites have capacity and tests are available. Individuals seeking tests can call:

- Their healthcare provider
- The Munson Healthcare Covid-19 hotline: 231-935-0951
- The Michigan COVID-19 hotline: 888-535-6136

STAY SAFE TO STAY OPEN

Residents, businesses, and visitors are encouraged to ***Stay Safe to Stay Open***. This includes the following measures while in public:

- Staying 6 feet apart from others
- Wearing masks while indoors or even outside when you are unable to maintain social distancing
- Limiting large social gatherings - not hosting or attending large gatherings
- Continuing basic prevention measures like frequent hand washing
- Following workplace safety protocols
- Daily monitoring of yourself for symptoms including your temperature (even if you feel fine)
- Staying home if symptomatic - even if it is just very mild symptoms
- If others in your household have tested positive or are symptomatic, stay away and take extra precautions to not become infected.

ABOUT THE JOC

Grand Traverse County's Joint Operations Center has been meeting to coordinate efforts and communication on the COVID-19 pandemic since Friday, March 13. Members include key community partners from health, government, first responders, education, social service, and business sectors.

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