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**Grand Traverse County - It's your turn to get the shot!
GTCHD announces weekly outreach clinics across the county**

While Northwest Michigan College's Hagerty Center has served as the primary vaccination clinic site in Grand Traverse County over the last four months and will continue over the next couple of weeks, the Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) continues to partner with community agencies and mobilize outreach clinics throughout the county to make the COVID-19 vaccine more accessible for all.

Over the following months and in an effort to reach and hopefully surpass the State of Michigan's goal of 70% vaccinated in our county, the GTCHD will announce locations, dates, times of any clinics open to the public on a weekly basis.

For the week of May 3 - 7, 2021, the following locations will be:

Date: Tuesday, May 4

Clinic Location: NMC's Hagerty Center (715 E. Front Street Traverse City, MI)

Time: 2 - 6 p.m.

Vaccine offered: Johnson & Johnson

Date: Wednesday, May 5

Clinic Location: NMC's Hagerty Center (715 E. Front Street Traverse City, MI)

Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Vaccine offered: Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer

Date: Thursday, May 6

Clinic Location: NMC's Hagerty Center (715 E. Front Street Traverse City, MI)

Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Vaccine offered: Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer

Date: Friday, May 7

Clinic Location: Fife Lake Township Offices (134 Morgan St. Fife Lake, MI 49633)

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Vaccine offered: Johnson & Johnson

"We were fortunate that we had a great mass vaccination site and process which helped us administer almost 40,000 doses at NMC's Hagerty Center," said Health Officer, Wendy Hirschenberger. "We met the initial high demand, but over the last few weeks, we have been doing clinics at schools and other community sites to bring the vaccine to people and make it convenient for the public. We will be partnering with many larger employers, business areas, and trades moving forward and transitioning to multiple smaller clinics each day."

"Addressing health disparities and improving accessibility to the vaccinations moving forward is key to achieving community immunity goals. We are trying to change things up and take down any hurdles

people have in their busy schedules and make it easy to get vaccinated," said Emergency Preparedness Director, Mike Lahey.

As of May 2, 49.5% percent of all Grand Traverse County residents aged 16 years or older have completed COVID-19 vaccination (two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine). Nearly 62% percent have received at least one or more doses of any of the COVID-19 vaccines. We are not far away from the 70% baseline threshold to achieve community immunity, but we need everyone to do their part to protect those that cannot get vaccinated yet - children under 16 and those who are immunocompromised.

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