

GTCHD CONTINUES TO OFFER *FREE* COVID-19 TESTING - APPOINTMENT NOW REQUIRED

The Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) continues to offer **FREE** COVID-19 testing availability at its main campus. Due to high demand, an appointment is now required to get a test. **To schedule an appointment, follow [this link](#).**

Vaccinated or not, if you are experiencing symptoms, even minor ones, (cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, nausea, fatigue, headache, sore throat, congestion, diarrhea, vomiting), please seek testing. If you are vaccinated, you may experience more subtle symptoms, but getting tested is the best way to know if it's COVID or not.

TESTING Hours for the week of August 9 - 13:

Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1 - 4:00 p.m

Location: 2600 LaFranier Rd. Traverse City, MI, 49686

- Testing is available to anyone regardless of symptoms and is done on a drive-up basis only.
- **Due to the high demand for testing currently, starting August 9, testing is by appointment only.**
- Testing is done in your vehicle in the parking lot behind the main health department building.
- A doctor's order is not needed and there is no charge to be tested.
- Anyone that tests positive or is symptomatic will be offered a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test following the rapid antigen test. Tests are for diagnostic purposes (this is not an antibody test).
- Results will be delivered electronically (email/text) within two hours.



*To speed up the process, register ahead of time by scanning the QR code on the left.

CURRENT NUMBERS AND TRENDS

Grand Traverse County is reporting out on 57 newly identified cases over the last week. The 7-day case average is now 8 cases per day, compared to <1 a month ago. As of Thursday, August 5, there are currently 170 active cases in the county.

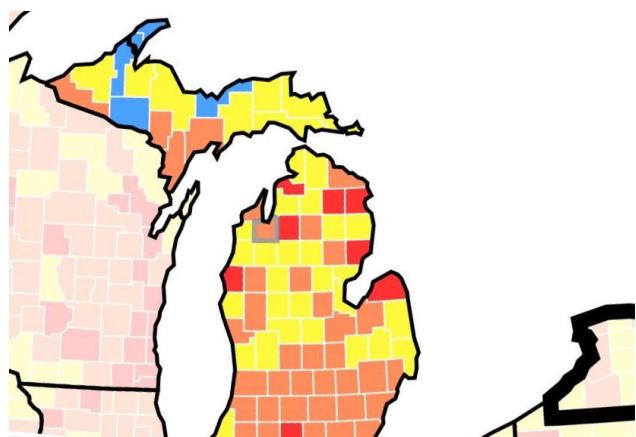
CASES SINCE 7/30/21	DEATHS SINCE 7/30/21	CUMULATIVE CASES	PERCENT POSITIVITY (7-DAY AVERAGE)	CASES PER 100,000 (7-DAY AVERAGE)	COUNTY RISK LEVEL
57 ↑	0 -	6510	4.8% ↓	64↑	C

*arrows reflect an increase or decrease from the previous report, " - reflect no change

Additional statistics are available on the [MI Safe Start Map](#) and on the Health Department's [dashboard](#) and [Facebook page](#).

CDC RISK LEVEL MAP AND DATA

The map below displays data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as it pertains to community transmission levels. Note that the levels are assessed Mon- Fri. Use [this link](#) to see a detailed look at the data for each county.



According to the CDC, counties in red have a high level of community transmission, orange have a substantial level, yellow has a moderate level and blue have a low level.

Grand Traverse County is currently categorized as **ORANGE** and is considered to have substantial transmission. Numbers are assessed by the CDC and the map is updated accordingly.

Similarly, the MI Safe Start Map dashboard has also been updated to reflect risk levels. mistartmap.info

GTCHD OFFERING COVID-19 VACCINE AT ALL HEALTH DEPARTMENT LOCATIONS

Main Campus:

2600 LaFranier Rd., T.C.
Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Ages 12+
231-995-6131
*Call for an appointment

Cherryland Center:

1700 South Garfield Ave.
Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ages 12+
WALK-INS ONLY

Youth Health and Wellness:

880 Parsons Rd., T.C.
Monday - Friday 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Ages 12-21
231-922-6416
*Call for an appointment

K-Town

112 South Brownson Ave. Kingsley
Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Ages 12-21
231-263-5895
*Call for an appointment

*Note - additional shots or booster shots are not authorized by CDC at this time.

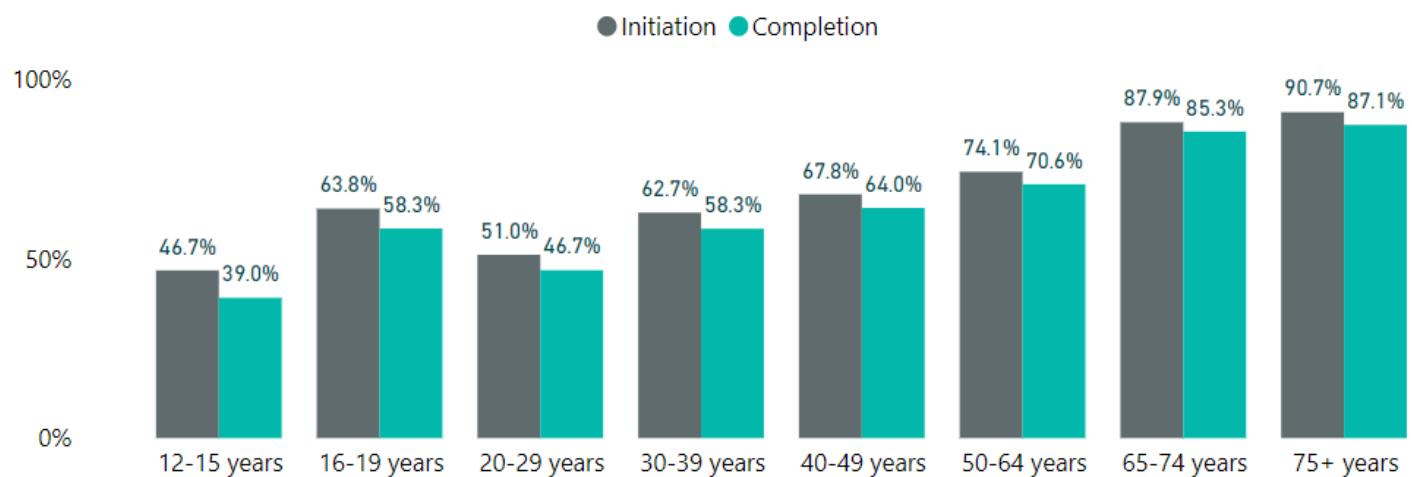
VACCINATION NUMBERS IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

Grand Traverse County now has surpassed 70% of its total 12 + population who have initiated vaccination for COVID. Vaccination coverage rates for Grand Traverse County residents:

As of August 6, 2021:

70.1 % initiation
66.1 % completion

COVID Vaccine Coverage by Age Group



ABOUT THE JOC

Grand Traverse County's Joint Operations Center began meeting on Friday, March 13, 2020, to coordinate efforts and communication on the COVID-19 pandemic. Members include key community partners from health, government, first responders, education, social service, and business sectors.

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