



# The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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## ANNOUNCING FIVE NEW COVID-19 CASES, UPCOMMING VACCINATION DATES

August 12, 2021

- The GTB Health Department is reporting five (5) new positive COVID-19 cases from August 11<sup>th</sup>. The local health department for Grand Traverse County was notified as the county of residence for all cases and is in the process of completing a case investigation. If you've been identified as a close contact (someone who has been within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) for a cumulative of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. An infected person can spread the virus that causes COVID-19 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date) during the course of the case investigation, please expect to receive a call or text from the local health department or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. It is critically important you respond to the call or text in order to protect the community from further spread.
- A reminder for the following upcoming dates for vaccinations. Additionally, COVID-19 vaccinations continue to be offered at any patient encounter.

The risk of going unvaccinated impacts not only those who choose not to be vaccinated, but to those around them. Lower vaccination rates puts children under 12, who don't yet have a COVID-19 vaccine authorized for their age group, at risk, as well as the small percentage of those individuals who cannot be vaccinated, or those with certain immune disorders. The more people are vaccinated, the more we can protect the GTB community. All COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized for emergency use have been proven to be highly effective at preventing severe disease and against known variants, including the highly infectious variant known as Delta.

**COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all people aged 12 years and older, including people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant now, or might become pregnant in the future.**

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
August 17, 2021	Benzie Office	12:30pm to 2:30pm
August 18, 2021	Medicine Lodge	9am to 11:30am, 3pm to 4pm
August 24, 2021	Charlevoix Office	1pm to 2pm
August 31, 2021	Herkner Road (Traverse City)	5pm to 7pm



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The GTB Health Department has two convenient options to schedule. You can call the GTB COVID-19 Vaccine Line (231-534-7475). Or, you can utilize a self-schedule option for COVID-19 vaccinations. Individuals can select dates and times that would be convenient. Additionally, individuals will receive notifications of their upcoming appointment, options to modify, or cancel their appointment by text. A link to the platform can be found on the main GTB health services page, [http://gtbindians.org/health\\_services.asp](http://gtbindians.org/health_services.asp) >> COVID-19 Vaccine Self-Schedule (Solv). We encourage calling the GTB COVID-19 Vaccine Line or the self-scheduling option to allow for planning. Walk-ins will be accepted however vaccine doses may not be available.

You can also click on the following links to schedule directly at the location for upcoming dates:

Benzie site : <https://www.solvhealth.com/book-online/0xwOwg>

Charlevoix site : <https://www.solvhealth.com/book-online/gZJPYg>

Herkner Road: <https://www.solvhealth.com/book-online/AWoXXA>

Medicine Lodge : <https://www.solvhealth.com/book-online/A6dK1g>

Strongheart : <https://www.solvhealth.com/book-online/go5QoA>

The GTB Health Department has administered 3,873 doses, including 2,032 first doses, 1,841 second doses, 2,211 Moderna doses, 1,634 Pfizer doses, and 28 Johnson & Johnson doses.

Currently, 58% of GTB tribal members age 12 and over and 80% of GTB elders age 55 and over in the 6-county service area are vaccinated. Also, specifically for GTB tribal members 12 to 17 year of age, 56% in the 6-county service area have received at least one shot with 52% fully vaccinated. Overall, 41% of GTB tribal members 12 to 17 years of age have received at least one shot with 37% fully vaccinated.

- **Below is summary information for 169 cumulative positive cases to-date tested at the GTB Health Department:**
  - 6 new cases this week
  - Average age of cases this week is 14 years
  - 7 Active cases, 161 recovered cases, 1 death
  - 120 symptomatic, 49 asymptomatic at time of test
  - 102 had known exposure within 2 weeks prior to test
  - 9 had traveled within 2 weeks prior
  - 4 had 1 vaccine dose
  - No cases in any fully vaccinated patient



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## By Age

- 0-20 – 50 cases
- 20-29 yrs – 32 cases
- 30-39 yrs – 27 cases
- 40-49 yrs – 18 case
- 50-59 yrs – 20 cases
- 60-69 yrs – 14 cases
- 70-79 yrs – 4 cases
- 80-89 yrs – 3 cases
- >89 yrs – 1 case

## By County

- Leelanau – 67
- Benzie – 3
- Grand Traverse – 74
- Kalkaska – 4
- Manistee – 2
- Charlevoix – 7
- Antrim -11
- Ingham - 1

\*\*\*There are more active cases in the community that were tested at other facilities that are not included in this tally.

Please note, the GTB Health Department tests tribal members and families, government employees, government entities, and essential support groups to GTB when possible.

Respectfully,

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