



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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ANNOUNCING TWO (2) NEW COVID-19 CASES, BOOSTER SHOTS, 17 BREAKTHROUGH CASES

September 30, 2021

- **The GTB Health Department is reporting two (2) new positive COVID-19 cases from September 23rd through September 28th.** The local health department for Leelanau County was notified as the county of residence 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.**
- **The GTB Health Department is now administering booster shots and additional doses.** The additional doses of both Moderna and Pfizer are for those who are moderately to severely immunocompromised and booster shots are for those who are eligible with Pfizer vaccine. Additional doses must be given 28 days after the 2nd dose of Moderna or Pfizer. Booster shots of Pfizer must be at least 6 months after the 2nd dose was given.

Below is a list of those eligible for an additional dose (due to being moderately to severely immunocompromised):

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood;
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system;
- Received a stem cell transplant with the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system;
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome);
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection;
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response;
- Your health care provider feels you should have an additional dose.

Below is a list of those eligible for a booster dose:

- Individuals 65 years of age and older and long-term care facility residents;
- Individuals 50-64 with underlying medical conditions. A list of medical conditions that increase risk for severe disease is broad and can be found at



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- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>;
- Individuals 18-49 with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster dose based on individual benefit and risk; and
- The CDC also recommends that individuals aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and infection because of occupational or residential setting may receive a booster of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their primary series, based on individual benefit and risk. Occupational and residential settings that increase risk for exposure are very broad and involve anyone who may, through their work or residence, spend increased time where physical distancing is difficult and includes health care workers, teachers, and frontline essential workers.

Booster doses of Pfizer-BioNTech recommendations for certain groups:


You **SHOULD** get a Pfizer booster if:

- 65+
- Long-term care facility resident
- 50-64 with underlying medical conditions

You **MAY** get a Pfizer booster if 18-64 yrs AND

- Underlying medical conditions
- Increased exposure & transmission risk*

*In occupational or congregate settings



- Please do not hesitate to contact the GTB COVID-19 Vaccination Line (231-534-7475) with questions or for scheduling concerns.

The GTB Health Department has administered 3,949 doses, including 2,085 first doses, 1,864 second doses, 2,241 Moderna doses, 1,680 Pfizer doses, and 28 Johnson & Johnson doses.

Currently, 59% of GTB tribal members age 12 and over and 82% 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.



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- Below is summary information for the 223 cumulative positive cases to-date tested at the GTB Health Department:

- 61 cases since August 1, 2021.
- 1 case in the week of August 2, 2021.
- 9 cases in the week of August 9, 2021.
- 11 cases in the week of August 16, 2021.
- 13 cases in the week of August 23, 2021.
- 9 cases in the week of August 30, 2021.
- 3 cases in the week of September 6, 2021.
- 7 cases in the week of September 13, 2021.
- 7 cases in the week of September 20, 2021.
- 1 case thus far in the week of September 27, 2021.
- Average age of cases in August 2021 is 26.2 years old compared to 35.1 prior to August 2021.
- 17 breakthrough cases to date as follows:

	Asymptomatic	Symptomatic
Pfizer		4
Moderna	4	7
Johnson & Johnson	1	1
Total Cases	5	12

By Age

- 0-20 – 67 cases
- 20-29 yrs – 45 cases
- 30-39 yrs – 41 cases
- 40-49 yrs – 23 case
- 50-59 yrs – 23 cases
- 60-69 yrs – 16 cases
- 70-79 yrs – 4 cases
- 80-89 yrs – 3 cases
- >89 yrs – 1 case

By County

- Leelanau – 91
- Benzie – 5
- Grand Traverse – 95
- Kalkaska – 4



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- Manistee – 2
- Charlevoix – 8
- Antrim -17
- 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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