



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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ANNOUNCING THREE (3) NEW COVID-19 CASES, NOW VACCINATING CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 11, UPDATED INFORMATION ON BOOSTER SHOTS.

November 4, 2021

- The GTB Health Department is reporting three (3) new positive COVID-19 cases from October 29th through November 3rd. The local health departments for Grand Traverse and Leelanau county were notified as the county of residence.
- *****IMPORTANT: The GTB Health Department is currently scheduling COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5 to 11 starting with the first clinic on November 5th at Strongheart.** The GTB Health Department has received the Pfizer pediatric formulation. Thus, appointments are being scheduled for pediatric vaccinations, starting with the first pediatric vaccination clinic at Strongheart on November 5th. After school hours will be offered in order to vaccinate as many eligible children as possible.

Please contact the GTB COVID-19 Vaccination Line (231-534-7475) if you would like to schedule a pediatric vaccination or for any questions you may have.

Scientists have conducted clinical trials with about 3,000 children and the FDA has determined that the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine has met the safety and efficacy standards for authorization in children ages 5 through 15 years. In addition, Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine has now been FDA-approved for people ages 16 and older. COVID-19 infection can cause serious illness in children, and that risk far exceeds any potential risk of the vaccine. Parents are strongly urged to consider getting a COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 years and older as soon as possible. If parents have any concerns or questions about whether the vaccine is right for their child, they should consult with their primary care provider or call the GTB COVID-19 Vaccination Line (231-534-7475) for any questions.

Although children are at a lower risk of becoming severely ill with COVID-19 compared with adults, children can:

- Be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19
- Get very sick from COVID-19
- Have both short and long-term health complications from COVID-19
- Spread COVID-19 to others



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- **IMPORTANT: The GTB Health Department is now administering booster shots.**

If you received a Pfizer BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, you are eligible for a booster if you are among the groups noted below and at least 6 months after your second shot:

- 65 years or older;
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings;
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions;
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings.

If you received a Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, you are eligible for a booster if you are 18 years or older and at least 2 months after your shot.

You may choose which COVID-19 vaccine you receive as a booster shot. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

Please contact the GTB COVID-19 Vaccination Line (231-534-7475) if you would like to schedule a booster shot, for questions you may have on selecting a booster shot, or other questions. Additionally, the GTB Health Department has started reaching out to registered patients eligible for the booster dose.

The GTB Health Department has now administered 4,083 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.

- **Below is summary information for the 244 cumulative positive cases to-date tested at the GTB Health Department:**

- 82 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.



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- 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.
- 2 cases in the week of September 27, 2021.
- 6 cases in the week of October 4, 2021.
- 4 cases in the week of October 11, 2021.
- 5 cases in the week of October 18, 2021.
- 3 cases in the week of October 25, 2021.
- 2 cases thus far in the week of November 1, 2021

27 breakthrough cases to date as follows:

	Asymptomatic	Symptomatic
Pfizer	1	7
Moderna	6	11
Johnson & Johnson	1	1
Total Cases	8	19

By Age

- 0-20 – 71 cases
- 20-29 yrs – 47 cases
- 30-39 yrs – 44 cases
- 40-49 yrs – 29 case
- 50-59 yrs – 26 cases
- 60-69 yrs – 18 cases
- 70-79 yrs – 4 cases
- 80-89 yrs – 4 cases
- >89 yrs – 1 case

By County

- Leelanau – 93
- Benzie – 7
- Grand Traverse – 110
- Kalkaska – 4
- Manistee – 2
- Charlevoix – 8



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- Antrim -19
- Ingham – 1

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

If you would like to get tested for COVID-19, please call the clinic at (231)-534-7200 to get on the daily testing schedule. We ask that all individuals tested appear on the testing schedule. 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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