



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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ANNOUNCING EIGHTEEN (18) NEW COVID-19 CASES, FREE AT-HOME TESTS CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE, NEW TREATMENT OPTIONS ADDED FOR COVID-19.

January 17, 2022

- **The GTB Health Department is reporting eighteen (18) new positive COVID-19 cases through January 14th.** The local health departments for Leelanau, Grand Traverse, Benzie, and Manistee were notified as the county of residence. We are continuing to see a sharp increase in cases. Our most recent 7-day positivity rate was 7%. Eleven (11) of the 18 new positive cases were breakthrough cases and (7) patients were boosted. Please continue to take measures to reduce spread including vaccination, wearing face masks, avoiding crowded or poorly ventilated settings, staying home when ill, seeking testing if symptomatic or exposed, and frequent handwashing.

*****At-home COVID-19 test kit continue to be available at the GTB Health Department no cost. Please call 231-534-7200 to make a request, while supplies last. You can use at-home testing to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Please consider keeping at-home-tests at home or where you may need them. At-home tests may be used if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed or potentially exposed to an individual with COVID-19. Even if you don't have symptoms and have not been exposed to an individual with COVID-19, using an at-home test before gathering with unvaccinated children, elders, those who are immunocompromised, or individuals at risk of severe disease can reduce the risk of spreading the virus.**

- **All individuals aged 12 and older should receive a COVID-19 vaccine booster when eligible.** The CDC also now recommends a booster dose interval of 5 months for people who initially received a Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 primary vaccine series. People can now receive a booster shot as soon as 5 months after completing their initial 2-dose series. The booster interval recommendation for people who received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine (2 months) has not changed. Additionally, the CDC now recommends that moderately or severely immunocompromised 5 to 11 year olds receive an additional primary dose of Pfizer vaccine 28 days after their second shot.

Please see graphic attached for summary of updated recommendations.

Please contact the GTB COVID-19 Vaccination Line (231-534-7475) if you would like to schedule a vaccination or for any questions you may have. You may use the following links to self-schedule a booster shot or your primary doses. Alternatively, you can call the GTB COVID-19 Vaccination Line (231-534-7475).



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

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

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

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

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

The GTB Health Department has now administered 4,976 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.

Vaccination dates this week include:

Tuesday, January 18th, at Charlevoix, 1pm to 2:45pm

Wednesday, January 19th, at Strongheart, 9am to noon and 1pm to 4pm

- *****The GTB Health Department has now received a new monoclonal antibody therapy called Sotrovimab and has received the oral antiviral medication Paxlovid.** The GTB Health Department currently is able to offer REGEN-COV, Sotrovimab, and Paxlovid for the outpatient treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19.

If you have questions about COVID-19 treatment options available at the GTB Health Department, please contact the clinic at 231-534-7200 and request to speak to a medical provider.

- Below is summary information for the **387** cumulative positive cases to-date tested at the GTB Health Department:

By Age	CY2021	CY2021 %	CY2022	CY2022%
0-20 years	97	29%	13	25%
20-29 years	61	18%	7	13%
30-39 years	60	18%	12	23%
40-49 years	47	14%	8	15%
50-59 years	34	10%	5	9%
60-69 years	24	7%	5	9%
70-79 years	6	2%	3	6%
80-89 years	4	1%	0	0%
>89 years	1	0%	0	0%
Total	334	100%	53	100%



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By County

- Leelanau – 176
- Benzie – 14
- Grand Traverse – 152
- Kalkaska – 7
- Manistee – 3
- Charlevoix – 9
- Antrim -21
- Ingham – 1
- Isabella -3
- Out of State - 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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Who Can Get a Booster Shot

<p>IF YOU RECEIVED Pfizer-BioNTech</p>	<p>Who should get a booster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone 12 years and older 	<p>When to get a booster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series 	<p>Which booster can you get:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations • Teens 12-17 years old may only get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster
<p>IF YOU RECEIVED Moderna</p>	<p>Who should get a booster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults 18 years and older 	<p>When to get a booster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series 	<p>Which booster can you get:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations
<p>IF YOU RECEIVED Johnson & Johnson's Janssen*</p>	<p>Who should get a booster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults 18 years and older 	<p>When to get a booster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 2 months after receiving your J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccination 	<p>Which booster can you get:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations

*Although mRNA vaccines are preferred, J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine may be considered in some situations.