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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were no new cases of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County or Leelanau County.

As with any flu season, it is especially important this year to receive the flu vaccine and encourage family members and community members to do the same. While we are still experiencing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, a virus with no known cure or vaccine at this time, we are reminded of the importance of staying up to date with regular vaccines as well as receiving the flu vaccine annually. This year, we are offering flu shot clinics by drive-thru and by appointment only. Call 231-256-0200 to schedule your appointment.

“It is important that we make every effort to protect our infants, young children, and adolescents by making sure they can get all of their vaccines and follow the recommended schedule. Pediatricians and the Health Department agree that these visits for immunizations are essential and should not be postponed,” said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director. “While we are still dealing with COVID-19 at the local, state, and national level, it is a good reminder to all that we should get the annual flu shot and stay up to date with other immunizations.”

As of 4:00pm, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting:

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 82, Leelanau– 117
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 24, Leelanau– 21
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 56, Leelanau– 95
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 1
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 4, Leelanau– 9
- Hospitalized: 19 total; 2 current

The State of Michigan has reported 137,702 cases and 6,928 deaths.

Visit our [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#) for the latest local information including recovered data and contact tracing. Michigan Department of Health and Human Service Dashboard: [Dashboard](#). Additional and updated information can be found on our [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) or by calling our public information line 231-882-2197. If you have COVID-19 related question, fill out a quick [survey](#), email questions to hotline@bldhd.org, or call our public information line at 231-882-2197.

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