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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there was one new case of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and one new case of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County.

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has been notified by a community member of a possible insurance scam. The health department will never try to sell you anything and will not share any of your information with other parties. We want our residents to be aware of possible risks and if you receive a call or email that appears to be questionable, we advise you to not provide information and call the health department directly at 231-882-4409 to verify.

Our [COVID-19 Vaccine dashboard](#) has been updated and displays data collected by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department pertaining to residents in Benzie and Leelanau counties. It now includes information on the total first and second doses administered, the percentage of population by county that has received its first dose, how many COVID-19 vaccination clinics the health department has completed, and more. At this time, the vaccine dashboard will be updated each week on Monday.

We understand that there has been confusion about when individuals have registered, and we want to be able to communicate more regularly with those on our waiting list. We are exploring solutions that will assist in this endeavor as well as increase the security of our scheduling links. Our hope is that these improvements will increase our capacity to readily answer questions and make our planning/scheduling more efficient.

“We are working hard this week to continue improving communication to the public about the progress of the vaccine rollout,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “These improvements will come in the form of updated dashboards, fliers, and automated messaging. We understand that information is important and reassuring for those in our communities patiently awaiting their turn and we want everyone to know we will do our best to keep them informed.”

The estimated time to complete vaccinating individuals 65 years and older and those eligible essential workers is mid-July 2021. This week, we started scheduling eligible individuals who registered for our COVID-19 waiting list on 1/8/2021. Here is where we are currently:

- Number of vaccine doses allocated for this week: 600 doses
- Number of vaccine doses administered so far this week: 141 doses
- Total number of vaccine doses received: 4,369 doses
- Total number of vaccine doses administered: 3,910 doses

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 872, Leelanau– 848
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 82, Leelanau– 61
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 760, Leelanau– 772
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 30, Leelanau– 15
- Hospitalized: 126 total; 2 current

The State of Michigan has reported 577,203 cases and 15,188 deaths.

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