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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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**For Immediate Release**  
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### Health Department Creates a Public Health Information Line

Beginning Today, February 8, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is providing a Public Health Information Line for residents to call for COVID-19 related or other public health questions.

The Public Health Information Line is 231-882-2197. The Public Health Information Line will be answered Monday through Friday from 8-4:30 pm by Public Health Nurses.

“As we have shifted away from universal case investigation and contact tracing, the health department is able to realign resources and now has public health nurses available to answer resident’s COVID questions,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We are still sending information to anyone whose positive test is reported to the health department, but the Public Health Information Line is an additional resource for those who need more information including COVID vaccine questions, COVID testing information, quarantine and isolation guidelines including work or school return timelines, and any other public health questions.”

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is offering free KN-95 masks at each of their locations. The masks are available in packs of two, first come first served while supplies last, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All offices are closed from 12-1 p.m. for lunch. Office locations include:

- Benzie Office, 6051 Frankfort Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616
- Leelanau Office, 7401 E. Duck Lake Road, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653

The health department also offers convenient COVID-19 vaccination clinics for all area residents and visitors 12 and older. Walk-ins are welcome at the health department’s community clinics. Parent consent is required for minors. These clinics will be open to first, second, additional, and booster dose appointments and offers all three vaccines unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming clinics include:

#### **Wednesday, February 9th – Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for 12 years and older**

- Platte River Association, 12990 Honor Hwy, Honor, MI 49640.
- Time: 3:00-5:00pm
- To schedule an appointment: [Click here](#)

#### **Wednesday, February 9th - Leelanau's Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic**

- BLDHD Leelanau Office, 7401 E. Duck Lake Road, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653
- Time: 8:00-12:00 and 1- 4:30pm
- Appointments required
- To schedule an appointment: [Click here](#)
- Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 5-17 years old ONLY, parent/guardian must accompany minor)

#### **Wednesday, February 9th- Benzie's Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic**

- BLDHD Benzie Office, 6051 Frankfort Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616
- Time: 8:00-12:00 and 1- 4:30pm
- Appointments required

- To schedule an appointment: [Click here](#)
- Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 5-17 years old ONLY, parent/guardian must accompany minor)

### **Tuesday, February 15th – Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for 12 years and older**

- VFW Post 7731, 7475 E Duck Lake Rd, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653
- Time: 3:00-5:00pm
- To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Anyone may call the Michigan COVID-19 hotline at 888-535-6136 if they have questions or are not able to find a time or date that works for them and/or their child. Additional vaccination sites can be found at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

### **COVID-19 Testing**

The health department is offering free COVID-19 testing with the support of HONU lab. The test is free, and no doctor's order is required. Pre-registration is not required, but it is recommended to reduce time spent at the testing clinic, and walk-ins are welcome. Testing is available:

Testing will be available as follows:

- Mondays and Thursdays, 10:00-3:00, VFW Post 7731, 7475 E Duck Lake Rd, Lake Leelanau, MI. To register for testing in Leelanau, [click here](#).
- Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:00–3:00, Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital, 224 Park Ave, Frankfort, MI 49635. The testing clinic is located in the trailer by the cardiac rehab entrance (lower-level parking lot). To register for testing in Benzie, [click here](#).

### **COVID-19 Case Counts**

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting the following case information:

- On Wednesday, February 2, 32 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (15) and Leelanau (17).
- On Thursday, February 3, 26 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (16) and Leelanau (10).
- On Friday, February 4, 23 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (10) and Leelanau (13), and one new COVID-19 associated death in Benzie (1).
- On Saturday, February 5, 28 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (19) and Leelanau (9).
- On Sunday, February 6, 22 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (11) and Leelanau (11).
- On Monday, February 7, 8 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (2) and Leelanau (6), and one new COVID-19 associated death in Leelanau (1).
- Today, February 8, 18 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (6) and Leelanau (12), and one new COVID-19 associated death in Benzie (1).

As of 4:00 p.m. today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 3,275, Leelanau– 3,464
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 636, Leelanau– 595
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 2,583, Leelanau– 2,829
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 56, Leelanau– 40

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