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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

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

Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department administered their 10,000th dose today at our COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Frankfort High School. The lucky individual was Dorothy McDougall, a resident of Benzie County in her 90's.

"Getting the vaccine helps protect us and we should all do it," said Dorothy McDougall, of Benzie County. "I feel lucky to be able to come to the Frankfort gym."

"I am so proud to be part of the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department team as a volunteer," said Christina Plamondon, CNM, RN, MSN. "Giving the 10,000th dose to Dorothy was an honor and a great milestone for our counties. There is much more work to be done but we will overcome. It takes a village."

"We are so excited to hit this major milestone as a small health department," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "I often refer to our health department as "small but mighty" and providing this number of vaccinations to our community in 3 months' time proves it true once again. The determination they have shown in vaccinating our residents is reflective of their dedication to protecting the health of the people in Benzie and Leelanau counties".

Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department received a supply of N95 and KN95 masks from Benzie Bus to be able to provide to residents at our COVID-19 vaccine clinics. These masks will be available at our clinics for residents to come by and grab them.

The Health Department has put together a series of frequently asked questions and answers for their community residents.

Does the health department have any recommendations about traveling during spring break?

Yes. Based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department put together a series of recommendations. To access the guidelines, click [here](#).

May I select which type of vaccine I want?

No. The type of vaccine available at each health department clinic depends on availability, and clients are not able to select their preferred vaccine (with the exception of minors 16 or 17 years of age who will be registered for a Pfizer vaccination clinic).

I received my first vaccination at a non-health department clinic. Can I get my second dose with the health department?

If you received your first dose from another provider, we ask that you return to the same provider for your second dose as they will be allocated the second dose for you.

I have no access to the internet or need transportation assistance to get to a clinic. Where do I go for help?

A family member or friend can help register anyone with a barrier to online registration. Remember to put the registrant's date of birth or other personal information; however, you can list your phone number or email address. In addition, anyone with barriers to internet access or other constraints such as transportation can call 2-1-1, the Aging Hotline at 231-715-5557, or their local Commission on Aging or Senior Center.

As of today, here is where we are currently:

- Number of vaccine doses allocated for next week: 1,250 doses.
- Number of vaccine doses administered so far this week: 1,332 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses distributed to other providers: 452 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses administered: 10,061 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses received: 10,513 doses.

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 957, Leelanau– 982
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 64, Leelanau– 96
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 862, Leelanau– 871
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 31, Leelanau– 15
- Hospitalized: 136 total; 1 currently

The State of Michigan has reported 647,899 cases and 16,004 deaths.

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