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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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## The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

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

The COVID-19 vaccines are here and it's your turn to get the shot! If you're interested in getting the shot, you can walk right into community or pop-up clinics planned next week by the Health Department.

Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is looking for businesses to join forces with us. If your business is looking for ways to positively impact the community, you can join forces with BLDHD and host a pop-up vaccination clinic for your employees and/or the public.

We are looking for businesses that have interested employees and those that serve the general population for smaller pop-up clinics in different communities around Benzie and Leelanau counties. We want to remove the barriers for your employees and come to them! If you are interested in discussing how you could partner with the health department on this important work, please email <a href="mailto:COVIDvaccine@bldhd.org">COVIDvaccine@bldhd.org</a>.

"We are trying to remove barriers anyone may have to getting vaccinated," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "We are welcoming walk-ins at all of our clinics. We have pop up clinics during work and evening hours. We have several clinics in both counties. We are trying to change things up and take down any hurdles people have in their busy schedules and make it easy to get vaccinated," Peacock said.

The health department is allowing all residents 18 and over to simply self-schedule or walk in to receive first and second dose COVID-19 vaccine at our clinics. All planned clinics currently scheduled for May and June are listed on the health department's website, <a href="www.bldhd.org">www.bldhd.org</a>. We encourage teens age 16 and 17 that have not yet gotten vaccinated to use our <a href="pre-registration form">pre-registration form</a> to give us your information so that we can plan for your needs and contact you to schedule for Pfizer vaccine. Anyone needing assistance to make an appointment should call 2-1-1 or their Senior Services Center.

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie 1,191, Leelanau 1,210
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 204, Leelanau– 183
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie- 956, Leelanau- 1,011
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie 31, Leelanau 16
- Hospitalized: 151 total; 3 currently

The State of Michigan is reporting 840,954 cases and 17,611 deaths.

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