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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were three new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and zero new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 14 new cases – 9 new cases in Benzie County and 5 new cases in Leelanau County - of COVID-19 since Friday, April 30th. Saturday, May 1st, 6 new cases were reported: Benzie–4, and Leelanau–2. Sunday, May 2nd, 5 new cases were reported: Benzie–2, and Leelanau–3.

To help reach the goal of 70% of residents 16 and older being fully vaccinated, the health department is welcoming walk ins at all their scheduled clinics in Benzie and Leelanau counties. Those wishing to may also make an appointment for first or second doses of Moderna. We encourage teens age 16 and 17 that have not yet gotten vaccinated to use our [pre-registration form](#) to give us your information so that we can plan for your needs and contact you to schedule for Pfizer vaccine. All clinics currently scheduled for May and June are listed on the health department’s website, www.bldhd.org. Anyone needing assistance to make an appointment should call 2-1-1 or their Senior Services Center.

“The good news is we keep making progress toward the goal of ‘community immunity’ or 70% of our eligible population who are older than 16 years old getting vaccinated,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We need everyone to pull together to reach this goal, and we can use your help! Listen to your family or friends who may have concerns about the vaccine, remind them of how safe and effective all the vaccines are, and suggest they visit reputable websites like the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) or [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#) or speak with their primary care provider.”

“Or, if you know of a neighbor who may need a hand to get to a vaccination clinic, reach out to the Senior Center or call 2-1-1. We are all in this together and together we will get through this!” Peacock added.

Peacock provided the following pandemic risk and vaccination statistics:

- Positivity and cases per million per day:
 - Traverse City Region 11.9% and 248 cases/million/day
 - State of Michigan 12.7% and 338 cases/million/day
- Vaccination coverage for residents 16+:
 - Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department 63.9% initiated (one dose), 52.7% completed (two doses of Pfizer or Moderna, one dose of Johnson & Johnson)
 - Statewide 50% initiated (one dose), 38% completed (two doses of Pfizer or Moderna, one dose of Johnson & Johnson)
- Vaccination coverage for residents 65+:
 - Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department 80.3% initiated (one dose), 74.9% completed (two doses of Pfizer or Moderna, one dose of Johnson & Johnson)
 - Statewide 74.8% initiated (one dose), 67.2% completed (two doses of Pfizer or Moderna, one dose of Johnson & Johnson)

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,200, Leelanau– 1,215
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 190, Leelanau– 156
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 979, Leelanau– 1,043
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 31, Leelanau– 16

- Hospitalized: 151 total; 3 currently

The State of Michigan is reporting 849,420 cases and 17,771 deaths.

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