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State of Michigan rescinds emergency orders, vaccination efforts continue.

As of tomorrow, June 22, the State of Michigan emergency orders requiring protective measures will be lifted.

The decision to advance the state ahead of the anticipated schedule is a result of the continued decline in cases and 60.8% of Michigan residents with at least one dose. Similar trends are seen locally in the health department's jurisdiction of Benzie and Leelanau counties with significantly decreased cases being less than 20 per million per day and 71.4% of residents 16 and older having received at least one dose.

"Reaching this stage is exciting, but we recognize that our population is growing each day as visitors come to our region," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "This reminds us that vaccinations are our best protection against this virus. For those not yet vaccinated, masking and distancing continue to provide the best protection as we begin to return to normal," she added.

The health department continues to offer regular vaccination clinics throughout the two-county jurisdiction. Starting this Wednesday, June 23rd, the Benzie County clinic at Crystal Cafe will move to Wednesdays. Please look carefully at the website for information as clinic times will be reduced and additional popup clinics will be scheduled as community need indicates. Public health nurses are on site at these events and able to answer any questions that residents may have regarding the vaccines. All clinics offer a choice of vaccine brand and are open to walk-ins or people can register by clicking on the clinic links below:

Tuesday, June 22nd

- Suttons Bay Middle School Gymnasium, 310 S. Elm Street, Suttons Bay, MI 49682
 - Time: 10:00-12:00pm
 - Vaccine: Moderna, Janssen, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
 - To schedule an appointment: Click Here

Wednesday, June 23rd

- Crystal Cafe, 1681 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616
 - Time: 4:00- 6:00pm
 - Vaccine: Moderna, Janssen, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
 - To schedule an appointment: Click Here

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie 1,257, Leelanau 1,260
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie–11, Leelanau–6
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie-1,212, Leelanau-1,238
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie 34, Leelanau– 16
- Hospitalized: 160 total; 0 currently

The State of Michigan is reporting 893,491 cases and 19,647 deaths.

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