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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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Difference between third dose and Pfizer booster shot

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 172 new cases (Benzie- 90; Leelanau- 82) of COVID-19 since Wednesday, September 15th, 2021. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 9/15/2021 - 9/30/2021:

- Age:
 - 0-12 years old- 19 new cases
 - 13-19 years old- 16 new cases
 - 20-29 years old- 27 new cases
 - 30-39 years old- 30 new cases
 - 40-49 years old- 17 new cases
 - 50-59 years old- 15 new cases
 - 60-69 years old- 17 new cases
 - 70-79 years old- 18 new cases
 - 80+ years old- 12 new cases
 - Unknown- 1 new case
- Symptomatic – 76.2% of cases, Asymptomatic – 6.4% of cases, and Unknown (data not available at time of report or no status was reported) – 17.44% of cases
- Recovered – 93 new recovered (Benzie-40, Leelanau- 53)
- Hospitalized – 9 new hospitalizations

Questions have been asked regarding the difference between a third dose and a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and how to obtain the additional dose. To clarify the latest recommendations, the health department is providing the following information and steps for residents.

- **Booster dose:** a single booster dose, to be administered at least six months after completion of the primary series for individuals that have received the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination only.
- **Third dose:** an additional dose administered to persons who are immunosuppressed due to underlying medical conditions or immune-suppressing medications. For immunocompromised individuals a third dose of an mRNA vaccine should be given anytime 28 days after completion of their primary series. Available to individuals that completed their Pfizer or Moderna vaccine series.

At this time, no additional or booster doses are recommended for people who received a J&J shot.

“As more and more people have become eligible for the booster vaccination, we have added additional clinics and hours,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “I encourage people to pre-register for the date and time that works best for their schedule. And, in addition to the booster shot, we are encouraging anyone 12 and older not yet vaccinated to come in for their initial series as the number of cases, illness and hospitalizations continue to increase throughout our region and the state,” Peacock said.

Everyone is welcome at all health department clinics, including residents and non-residents. All three COVID-19 vaccines are available at every clinic. Minors must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian. Public health nurses are on-site at these events and able to answer any questions about the vaccines.

Appointments are strongly recommended as the demand for booster shots has increased. Appointments can be scheduled by clicking on the clinic link below:

Tuesday, October 5th

- Suttons Bay Middle School Gymnasium, 310 S. Elm Street, Suttons Bay, MI 49682
- Time: 1:00-5:00pm (New time)
- Vaccine: Moderna, Janssen, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
- To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Wednesday, October 6th

- Crystal Cafe, 1681 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616
- Time: 1:00- 5:00pm (New time)
- Vaccine: Moderna, Janssen, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
- To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

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:

- On Friday, October 1st, from 10 am – 3pm at the Crystal Café in Benzonia. To register visit: <https://honumg.info/CrystalCafe>
- On Monday, October 4th, from 10 - 3pm at the Suttons Bay Old Middle School. To register visit: <http://honumg.info/OldSuttonsBayMS>
- On Tuesday, October 5th, from 10 am – 3pm at the Crystal Café in Benzonia. To register visit: <https://honumg.info/CrystalCafe>
- On Thursday, October 7th, from 10 - 3pm at the Suttons Bay Old Middle School. To register visit: <http://honumg.info/OldSuttonsBayMS>
- On Friday, October 8th, from 10 am – 3pm at the Crystal Café in Benzonia. To register visit: <https://honumg.info/CrystalCafe>

COVID-19 Case Counts

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

- On Tuesday, September 28, 9 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (4), and Leelanau (5).
- On Wednesday, September 29, 17 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (10), and Leelanau (7).
- Today, September 30, 13 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (11) and Leelanau (2).

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,469, Leelanau– 1,514
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 128, Leelanau– 124
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,307, Leelanau– 1,372
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 34, Leelanau– 18
- Hospitalized: 189 total; 3 currently

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