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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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New Year's resolution: Keep healthy, community safe

As we begin a new year, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department hopes you resolve to help keep your community healthy.

“Collectively as a community, we can resolve in 2022 to do our best to keep our children safe and experiencing in-person learning,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Department Health Officer. “We can resolve to keep our businesses - from large factories to the hometown coffee shop - prosperous and have their employees safely working. And, we can resolve to safely have family gatherings and community events throughout the year.”

These resolutions are most likely to come true, Peacock said, when we all get our COVID-19 vaccination and booster shot, take proper preventative measures and follow the [latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) regarding isolation and quarantine measures.

Vaccination continues to be our most powerful tool. The health department offers convenient COVID-19 vaccination clinics for all area residents and visitors 12 and older. Parent consent is required for minors. Anyone may call the Michigan COVID-19 hotline at 888-535-6136 if they have questions or are not able to find a time or date that works for them and/or their child. Clinics offer clients a choice of Pfizer, Moderna, or J&J's Janssen unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming clinics for appointments only include:

Tuesday, January 4th – Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic.

- VFW Post 7731, 7475 E Duck Lake Rd, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653
- Time: 12:00-5:00pm
- To schedule an appointment for next year: [Click Here](#)

Wednesday, January 5th – Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic.

- Platte River Association, 12990 Honor Hwy, Honor, MI 49640.
- Time: 12:00-5:00pm
- To schedule an appointment for next year: [Click here](#)

Wednesday, January 5th- Leelanau's Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

- BLDHD Leelanau Office, 7401 E. Duck Lake Road, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653
- Time: 8:00-12:00 and 1- 4:30pm
- Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 5-11 years old ONLY, parent/guardian must accompany minor)

Friday, January 7th- Benzie's Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

- BLDHD Benzie Office, 6051 Frankfort Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616
- Time: 8:00-12:00 and 1- 4:30pm
- Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 5-11 years old ONLY, parent/guardian must accompany minor)

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:

Testing will be available as follows:

- Mondays and Thursdays, 10:00-3:00, VFW Post 7731, 7475 E Duck Lake Rd, Lake Leelanau, MI. To register for testing in Leelanau, [click here](#).
- Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:00–3:00, Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital, 224 Park Ave, Frankfort, MI 49635. To register for testing in Benzie, [click here](#).

COVID-19 Case Counts

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

- On Tuesday, December 28, 27 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (5) and Leelanau (22).
- On Wednesday, December 29, 41 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (19) and Leelanau (22), and two new COVID-19 associated deaths in Benzie (1) and Leelanau (1).
- On Thursday, December 30, 26 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (10) and Leelanau (16).
- On Friday, December 31, 9 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (3) and Leelanau (6).
- On Saturday, January 1, 21 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (15) and Leelanau (6).
- On Sunday, January 2, 16 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (11) and Leelanau (5).
- Today, January 3, 32 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (18) and Leelanau (14).

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 2,437, Leelanau– 2,583
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 222, Leelanau– 259
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 2,166, Leelanau– 2,288
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 49, Leelanau– 36
- Hospitalized: 294 total; 8 currently

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