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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were eight new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and six new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 33 new cases – 17 new cases in Benzie County and 16 new cases in Leelanau County - of COVID-19 since Friday, April 16th. Saturday, April 17, 15 new cases were reported: Benzie–6 and Leelanau–9. Sunday, April 18, 4 new cases were reported: Benzie–3 and Leelanau–1.

Appointments are available for this week's COVID-19 vaccination clinics through the health department. (see clinic schedule below). Although scheduling an appointment is requested, walk-ins will be accommodated as possible. Scheduling an appointment ahead of time allows for health department staff to ensure enough vaccine is available at each clinic and reduces the appointment time. Anyone experiencing barriers with scheduling or receiving a vaccination should call 2-1-1 or their local Senior Services Center for assistance.

First dose clinics hosted by the health department for April 21-27 include:

- Wednesday, April 21 (Second Dose May 12)
 - Suttons Bay Old Middle School Gymnasium, 310 S. Elm Street, Suttons Bay
 - Time: 11:00- 6pm
 - Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 16 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
 - To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Thursday, April 22 (Second Dose May 13)
 - Frankfort High School Gymnasium, 534 11th St, Frankfort, MI 49635
 - Time: 1:00- 5:45pm
 - Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 16 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
 - To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Friday, April 23 (Second Dose May 14)
 - Glen Lake School Gymnasium, 3375 W Burdickville Rd, Maple City, MI 49664
 - Time: 1:00- 5:45pm
 - Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 16 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
 - To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Saturday, April 24 (Second Dose May 15)
 - Benzie Central Gymnasium, 9222 Homestead Rd, Benzonia, MI 49616
 - Time: 10:00- 2:00pm
 - Vaccine: Pfizer (open to 16 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
 - To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- Tuesday, April 27 (Second Dose May 25)
 - Crystal Mountain, 12500 Crystal Mountain Drive, Thompsonville, Michigan 49683
 - Vaccine: Moderna (open to 18 or older)
 - To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

In addition to getting vaccinated as early as possible, Dr. Josh Meyerson, health department medical director, is reminding residents to continue to mask up, wash their hands, and socially distance. On Friday, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) extended its [Gatherings and Mask epidemic order](#). According to MDHHS, the order is designed to balance day-to-day activities while controlling the spread of COVID-19 and saving Michiganders' lives.

“As we continue to get more people immunized, we all need to limit our gathering sizes and wear masks in public during this current surge with widespread viral transmission,” Dr. Meyerson said.

As of 4:00pm, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,120, Leelanau– 1,167
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 174, Leelanau– 199
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 915, Leelanau– 952
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 31, Leelanau– 16
- Hospitalized: 143 total; 4 currently

The State of Michigan has reported 793,881 cases and 16,901 deaths.

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