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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

**For Immediate Release**

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### **The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update**

Today there was one new case of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and three new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County.

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department in partnership with Honu Lab will be hosting free, rapid COVID-19 testing events on Thursday May 20th and May 27th. Both rapid antigen testing and confirmatory PCR testing are available. Preregistration is encouraged, but not required. The clinic will run from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Suttons Bay Old Middle School Gymnasium in Suttons Bay (310 310 S Elm St, Suttons Bay, MI 49682). To pre-register, visit <http://honumg.info/OldSuttonsBayMS>.

Although cases and pandemic risk indicators are trending downward as more and more of the community becomes vaccinated, testing is still a critical tool for those who may have been exposed or have symptoms. In addition, until the newly eligible population 12-15 years old is fully vaccinated, we understand that participants in youth athletics continue to have testing needs. “While these needs continue to exist, we are happy to partner with MDHHS and HONU Labs to bring this FREE and convenient testing opportunity to our community!” stated Health Officer, Lisa Peacock

Within the health department’s two-county jurisdiction, 22,630 residents (12 years and older) have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 20,325 residents have completed their COVID-19 vaccine series. As of May 16, the health department vaccination status is as follows:

- Since December 2020, when COVID-19 vaccination clinics began, the health department has administered 17,711 total doses of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Number of vaccine doses administered last week (May 10-16): 1,282 doses.
- Benzie and Leelanau County vaccination status: 66.7% of residents 16 and older with first or initial dose.

The health department is offering multiple opportunities for walk-in vaccinations as well as easy appointment scheduling that can be found at [www.bldhd.org](http://www.bldhd.org). Additional vaccination sites can be found at [vaccines.gov](http://vaccines.gov). Residents can choose the date and location for their appointment. In addition, our vaccination teams can be found in multiple locations around our communities holding small pop-up clinics which offer multiple vaccine choices with no appointment needed!

Upcoming clinics for walk-ins or to make a reservation by clicking on the link provided include:

- **Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**
  - Benzie Friend Center and Resale, 1034 Michigan Ave, Benzonia, 49616
    - Pop-up clinic, walk-ins welcome
    - Time 12:00-2:00pm
    - Vaccine: Moderna and Janssen (open to 18 or older)
- **Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**
  - Crystal Cafe, 1681 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616
    - Time: 10:00- 6:00pm
    - Vaccine: Moderna, Janssen, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
    - To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- **Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**
  - Shop N Save, 1747 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616
    - Pop-up clinic, walk-ins welcome
    - 11am-2:00pm
    - Vaccine: Moderna and Janssen (open to 18 or older)

- Shop N Save, 1747 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616
  - Pop-up clinic, walk-ins welcome
  - 3:00-5:00pm
  - Vaccine: Moderna and Janssen (open to 18 or older)
- Buntings Cedar Market, 9054 S Cedar Rd, Cedar, MI 49621
  - Pop-up clinic, walk-ins welcome
  - Time: 2-4:30pm
  - Vaccine: Moderna and Janssen (open to 18 or older)
- Dick's Pour House, 103 W Philip St. Lake Leelanau, MI 49653
  - Pop-up clinic, walk-ins welcome
  - Time: 5-7:00pm
  - Vaccine: Moderna and Janssen (open to 18 or older)

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,240, Leelanau– 1,249
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 108, Leelanau– 80
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,100, Leelanau– 1,153
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 32, Leelanau– 16
- Hospitalized: 157 total; 3 currently

The State of Michigan is reporting 878,125 cases and 18,710 deaths.

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