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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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

Today there were zero new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and one new case of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported zero new cases on Saturday and Sunday.

It has been just a little over a week and half since youth 12-15 years old could receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and since then, already 24.5% of the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department's population in this age group have gotten at least one dose. Widespread vaccination, including of children and teens, is critical to help stop this pandemic and get us all closer to normal.

"There are steps parents can take to help ready their child or adolescent for the vaccine," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Parents are first and foremost role models for their children so they can also prepare their child by modeling healthy behaviors and get vaccinated."

Steps include helping your [child know what to expect](#) when they receive their COVID-19 vaccination:

- [Get tips](#) for how to support your child before, during, and after the visit.
  - Explain there may be some [side effects](#), which are normal signs that their body is building protection. These side effects may affect your child's ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. Some people have no side effects.
  - Ask your child's healthcare provider about using a non-aspirin pain reliever to comfort your child after vaccination. It is not recommended you give pain relievers before vaccination for the purpose of trying to prevent side effects.
- Tell the doctor or nurse about any allergies your child may have.
- Comfort your child during the appointment.
- To prevent fainting and injuries related to fainting, your child should be seated during vaccination and for 15 minutes after the vaccine is given.
- After your child's COVID-19 vaccination, you will be asked to stay for 15-30 minutes so they can be observed in case they have a severe allergic reaction and need immediate treatment.

Minors under age 18 will need a parent or legal guardian to accompany them to their appointment and provide consent to receive the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine.

The health department is also working to coordinate vaccination blitzes in regions throughout its two-county jurisdiction. "This is our attempt to hit the road, offering pop-up locations in areas we haven't previously held many vaccination clinics, or where data shows there are still many unvaccinated people," Peacock said.

Information about upcoming pop-up and weekly clinics can be found below:

- **Tuesday, May 25th**
  - Crystal Mountain, 12500 Crystal Mountain Dr. Thompsonville, Michigan 49683
    - 9am-11:25am
    - Vaccine: Moderna, J&J, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
    - To schedule an appointment: [Click here](#)
  - Benzie Area Christian Neighbors, 2804 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616
    - Pop-up clinic, walk-ins welcome
    - Time 10:00-12:00pm
    - Vaccine: Moderna, J&J, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)

- Suttons Bay Middle School Gymnasium, 310 S. Elm Street, Suttons Bay, MI 49682
  - Time: 12:00-6:00pm
  - Vaccine: Moderna, J&J, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
  - To schedule an appointment: [Click here](#)
- **Wednesday, May 26th**
  - L'Chayim Delicatessen, 274 S. Benzie Blvd, Beulah, MI 49617
    - Pop-up clinic, walk-ins welcome
    - Time: 10:00- 1:00pm
    - Vaccine: Moderna, J&J, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
  - Honor & Onekama Building Supply, 10635 Main Street, Honor, MI 49640
    - Pop-up clinic, walk-ins welcome
    - Time: 10:00- 1:00pm
    - Vaccine: Moderna, J&J, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
  - Shop N Save, 1747 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616
    - Pop-up clinic, walk-ins welcome
    - Time: 2:00- 4:30pm
    - Vaccine: Moderna, Janssen, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
  - Lucky Dog, 223 S. Benzie Blvd, Beulah, MI 49617
    - Pop-up clinic, walk-ins welcome
    - Time: 4:00- 6:00pm
    - Vaccine: Moderna, J&J, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
- **Thursday, May 27th**
  - Crystal Cafe, 1681 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616
    - Time: 10:00- 6:00pm
    - Vaccine: Moderna, J&J, 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– 1,240, Leelanau– 1,253
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 78, Leelanau– 62
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,130, Leelanau– 1,175
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 32, Leelanau– 16
- Hospitalized: 158 total; 2 currently

The State of Michigan is reporting 884,580 cases and 18,953 deaths.

*Please Note: Beginning today, May 24, we will be changing the frequency of news releases relating to the COVID-19 vaccine and daily case counts. Unless a greater frequency is warranted, news releases about COVID-19 will be distributed on Mondays and Thursdays. Vaccine locations, daily case counts, and vaccine administration data will continue to be available on the health department website [www.bldhd.org](http://www.bldhd.org). News is also available by visiting our [Facebook page](#).*

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