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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were three new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and nine new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 68 new cases (Benzie- 31; Leelanau- 37) of COVID-19 since Tuesday, December 22nd. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 12/22/2020 -12/28/2020:

- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 3 cases
 - 13-19 years – 6 cases
 - 20-29 years – 7 cases
 - 30-39 years – 7 cases
 - 40-49 years – 13 cases
 - 50-59 years – 13 cases
 - 60-69 years – 7 cases
 - 70-79 years – 2 cases
 - 80-89 years – 4 cases
 - 90+ years – 6 cases
- Residents – 100% new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Symptomatic – 75.4% of new cases, Asymptomatic – 24.6% of new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Recovered – 137 new recovered (Benzie-86, Leelanau-51)
- Hospitalization – 8 new reported since last Wednesday
- COVID Associated Deaths – 4 new reported since last Wednesday. Benzie- 3- (70's-Male, 90's-Female, and 90's Male) and Leelanau- 1 (90's-Male).

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department's COVID-19 vaccine clinics are underway for individuals in the 1A priority group, which includes Emergency Medical Providers, medical first responders, and healthcare workers who are not being vaccinated through a hospital or other organizations. Health Department vaccination clinics are scheduled weekly, available by appointment only, and will be expanding beyond medical first responders and EMS personnel to other health care workers as we finish those initial groups. The hospitals will be vaccinating their own healthcare workers with their allotted vaccine allocations, and long-term care facilities along with the adult foster care homes and assisted livings will be serviced by local pharmacies, the associated hospital, or the health department.

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is asking healthcare agencies and healthcare workers who identify themselves as part of phase 1A to complete this [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Form](#). We can then follow up with each organization once vaccine is available and we are ready to schedule appointments. The administration of the vaccine will take time and patience by everyone as we move through the healthcare workers and first responder priorities. Essential workers will soon follow this group which will be a significant number of people in our jurisdiction. As we progress through priority groups, our daily press releases and Facebook continue to be the best source of information for COVID-19 vaccine announcements.

"When we are deeply involved in planning and implementation, as we are now with vaccine administration planning, it is sometimes difficult to keep everyone up to date and informed in a timely way. We hope that our communities know that we will always try our best for you – we will always keep the health of our communities as our number one goal and will prioritize our activities to that end," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "We will be scheduling clinics throughout our communities for priority groups as we progress through them. Information is rapid and changing but the public should continue to watch our website, social media sites, and daily/weekly updates to stay informed!"

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 653, Leelanau– 623
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 185, Leelanau– 198
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 443, Leelanau– 419
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 25, Leelanau– 6
- Hospitalized: 89 total; 8 current

The State of Michigan has reported 480,508 cases and 12,089 deaths.

Visit our [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#) for the latest local information including recovered data and contact tracing. Michigan Department of Health and Human Service Dashboard: [Dashboard](#). Additional and updated information can be found on our [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) or by calling our public information line 231-882-2197. If you have COVID-19 related question, fill out a quick [survey](#), email questions to hotline@bldhd.org, or call our public information line at 231-882-2197.

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