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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 were seven new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and four new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. One new death reported in Leelanau County of a female resident in their 80's and we extend our deepest sympathies to their family and friends.

According to the [MDHHS COVID-19 Vaccination Prioritization Guidance](#), Phase 1C includes Individuals age 16 years or older at high risk of severe illness due to COVID-19 Infection. They have defined individuals at high risk if they have any one of these health conditions as high risk: cancer, COPD, hypertension, chronic kidney disease, heart disease, diabetes, obesity, Down Syndrome, Pregnancy, Immunocompromised state, and sickle cell disease.

COVID-19 vaccine update recommendations:

- Individuals should not get the vaccine if they received COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma or a monoclonal antibody within 90 days. After the 90-day window an individual can receive the vaccine.
- People who have tested positive for COVID-19 can receive the vaccine at any time as long as they are not acutely ill or contagious.
- Individuals who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 should wait until they are no longer under quarantine.
- The COVID-19 vaccine should not be given within two weeks of receiving another vaccination.
- Individuals under 16 years old should not receive the COVID-19 vaccine due to lack of evidence as individuals under 16 did not participate in clinical trials.
- The CDC does recommend that pregnant woman be offered the vaccine within the priority group that they fit into. This is an individual decision that should be made between a pregnant woman and her provider.

"Interest and pre-registration for the COVID-19 vaccine has been increasing, and we are proud of our residents, local businesses and employees for taking action and providing for a strong start to the vaccination phase of the pandemic," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "We understand that people want to know when they can get their vaccine, but this process will take time and patience. Right now, we are currently working to identify and schedule Phase 1A all priority groups. We will continue to provide updates regarding vaccinations in our daily press releases and on Facebook."

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 662, Leelanau– 633
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 168, Leelanau– 186
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 468, Leelanau– 440
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 26, Leelanau– 7
- Hospitalized: 91 total; 8 current

The State of Michigan has reported 488,144 cases and 12,333 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](mailto:hotline@bldhd.org), or call our public information line at 231-882-2197.

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