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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 four new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County.

We are actively scheduling for Phase 1B, here is what you need to know:

- We are contacting people through our COVID-19 Vaccine sign up survey. We have sent out emails for our scheduled clinics and will call those who did not provide emails.
- Please do not call/email us to see where you are on the list.
- All clinics will be by appointment only due to vaccine supply and safety concerns.
- Who we are currently scheduling for individuals over 65, first responders, childcare staff, school staff, and anyone in Phase 1A.

“We want everyone to know that every priority group is important. We have established clinics in every county each week and are adding additional larger scale clinics on top of that,” Health Officer, Lisa Peacock stated. “We are exercising full use of partnerships, volunteers, technology, and any other assistance to help us increase our capacity. It is an exciting and busy time for all of us and we sincerely appreciate everyone’s patience as we prepare to roll out these clinics to larger and larger groups of people.”

Recently there has been a lot of focus on the number of doses shipped to Michigan and the number administered so far. Health officials stress there is a natural delay in the number of doses administered and then distributed to local health departments, hospitals, and other providers where the vaccine needs to be logged and properly stored before being administered.

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 745, Leelanau– 720
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 145, Leelanau– 162
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 572, Leelanau– 549
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 28, Leelanau– 9
- Hospitalized: 99 total; 3 current

The State of Michigan has reported 525,612 cases and 13,501 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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