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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were four new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and eleven new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County.

Today, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced an extension to their [Emergency Order Gatherings and Face Mask Order](#). This order takes effect on January 16th at 12:01am and expires on January 31st, 11:59pm. Here is a [list/graphic](#) of what activities are open and what is not permitted.

In the meantime, residents are asked to continue to wash their hands, properly wear a mask, maintain a safe distance, and avoid large indoor gatherings. The health department wants residents to be reminded that testing is still available in our Leelanau Office; no symptoms or doctor's order is necessary to make an appointment to be tested. [Testing sites](#) are available throughout the region.

To avoid duplication, people are urged to use the pre-registration/sign up survey form once. As of today, over 5,000 survey responses have been submitted using the online form, signifying their interest in receiving the vaccine. The health department is excited to know that area residents are ready to be vaccinated. However, local vaccine supply does not currently meet the demand.

"We are pleased to see the interest from our community to receive the vaccination," said Health Officer, Lisa Peacock. "We are trying to create as many access points as possible – through health department clinics, hospitals within our region, physician offices, pharmacies, and more – and we ask for patience from the public as we work to safely assure the vaccine is administered. We want residents to know that after completing our online form we have their information, that they are on our list to be scheduled into a future clinic, and that we are working as quickly as possible to give them that dosage in their arm!"

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 749, Leelanau– 731
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 146, Leelanau– 167
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 575, Leelanau– 555
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 28, Leelanau– 9
- Hospitalized: 100 total; 4 current

The State of Michigan has reported 528,306 cases and 13,533 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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