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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 eleven new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. One Leelanau case was transferred to another county.

There are several items we would like to speak to in response to multiple questions from community members.

- There is a difference between the [COVID-19 sign up survey](#) and the [COVID-19 Vaccine Update Email list](#). Everyone interested in the vaccine should fill out the sign-up survey to get on our list for future scheduling.
- The COVID-19 Vaccine update email list is a weekly email blast to share information about the COVID-19 Vaccine progress for the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department. Please subscribe if you would like to receive these updates.
- Individuals aged 65-74 are still technically in Phase 1C according to the priority list but MDHHS announced that this group was eligible to begin being vaccinated as of 1/11/2021. If you filled out a survey before the change, please do not fill out another survey. We are working through that list to make sure you are contacted. We did change the wording in the survey to make it clear that all individuals 65 and over can now complete the form.
- Although there is hotline assistance available for those who are unable to access technology and complete the form, we ask that if you are able to complete it electronically that you do so. Please do not do both call the hotline and complete the online form.
- Right now, we have contacted individuals who have submitted applications before 1/6/2021. We continue to make progress and will contact individuals as we received their survey response.

“We continue to work hard to schedule and fill vaccine clinics as we are notified of more allocations being delivered. We are working week by week as we receive new shipments of vaccine, so you could be notified and scheduled for a clinic the same week or the following week,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “According to 2019 census data in Benzie and Leelanau, we have more than 11,500 individuals who are 65 years and older residing within our counties. We continue to ask our community residents to be patient as we make progress towards our goal of vaccinating 70% of Michigan residents.”

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 756, Leelanau– 741
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 149, Leelanau– 174
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 579, Leelanau– 558
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 28, Leelanau– 9
- Hospitalized: 102 total; 5 current

The State of Michigan has reported 531,004 cases and 13,672 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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