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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were five new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and four new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 30 new cases (Benzie- 18; Leelanau- 12) of COVID-19 since Saturday, January 16th. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 1/16/2021 -1/18/2021:

- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 3 cases
 - 13-19 years – 1 case
 - 20-29 years – 1 case
 - 30-39 years – 5 cases
 - 40-49 years – 3 cases
 - 50-59 years – 6 cases
 - 60-69 years – 3 cases
 - 70-79 years – 5 cases
 - 80-89 years – 2 case
 - 90+ years – 1 case
- Symptomatic – 95.2% of new cases, Asymptomatic – 4.8% of new cases that case investigations have been completed.
- Recovered – 32 new recovered (Benzie-18, Leelanau-14)
- Hospitalization – 4 new reported

Despite receiving fewer doses of the COVID-19 vaccine for the upcoming week than requested from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is still holding planned COVID-19 vaccine clinics as planned. There is a severe shortage of vaccines and we are only able to schedule vaccine appointments one week at a time because we do not know how much vaccine we will be allocated each week. So, we are all carefully planning the best way to get the vaccine to those in the priority groups. Due to the lack of vaccine, it will take months to vaccinate everyone in Phase 1B, so we ask for continued patience.

Munson Medical Center has expanded their vaccine criteria and is now scheduling appointments for any individual in their service area over the age of 86 and those in that household between the ages of 65-85. Those interested in inquiring about Munson's vaccination appointments can call 231-935-SHOT to schedule an appointment.

"The state is facing ongoing challenges with having an adequate allocation of vaccine to fill all of the orders submitted by providers. The allocations to local health departments continue to be unpredictable which requires us to make some adjustments to our future clinics," stated Health Officer Lisa Peacock. "Despite the limited allocations, we are making great progress. We will only schedule appointments for the doses we receive, and we are working hard to distribute the vaccine in an efficient and equitable way, including ensuring that the highest risk age group has adequate access to appointments. The unpredictable nature of our allocations forces us to work through this one week at a time."

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 777, Leelanau– 770
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 149, Leelanau– 176
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 600, Leelanau– 585
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 28, Leelanau– 9
- Hospitalized: 106 total; 6 current

The State of Michigan has reported 538,377 cases and 13,824 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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