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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 twelve new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. One new COVID-19 associated death was reported today in Leelanau County of a male resident in their 90's.

After receiving several inquiries from community members, we would like to clarify that our COVID-19 pre-registration survey for the COVID-19 vaccine does not ask for date of birth but does ask for age. However, the link to subscribe to the COVID-19 vaccine email update does ask for a birth date, not year. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Residents in Phase 1B and seniors 65 and older and in those essential workers identified early January (pre-K –12th grade school staff, childcare, first responders, and corrections workers) continue to be scheduled into upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics offered by the Health Department.

The estimated number of doses needed to fully vaccinate all those in Phase 1a and Phase 1b in the Benzie-Leelanau Health jurisdiction is approximately 30,000 doses, here is where we are currently:

- Number of vaccine doses available this week: 775 doses (received within the last two days)
- Total number of vaccine doses received: 1,533 doses
- Total number of vaccine doses administered: 758 doses

All doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are scheduled for this week and we will continue to create more clinics when we are notified of more vaccine shipments. We administer all doses of COVID-19 vaccines within days of receiving the vaccine. As of today, we have reached out to individuals that submitted surveys before noon on 1/6/2021.

“We understand how eager the public is to get a vaccine and protect themselves from COVID. We are working as efficiently and effectively as we can to schedule them and administer the vaccine,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We hope our community understands that our staff and partners are working on their behalf to advocate for a more consistent and greater supply of the vaccine.”

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 781, Leelanau– 782
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 150, Leelanau– 181
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 603, Leelanau– 591
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 28, Leelanau– 10
- Hospitalized: 107 total; 5 current

The State of Michigan has reported 540,115 cases and 13,865 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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