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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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### **The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update**

Today there were fourteen new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and seven new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. One new COVID-19 associated death was reported today in Leelanau County of a female in her 90's.

We want to remind residents that the vaccination process will take months and due to vaccine supplies, not everyone who is eligible will be able to receive a vaccine right away. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released an [updated timeline](#) to inform residents when they can expect to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine and explain the priority groups.

Today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department held a clinic in Suttons Bay and administered approximately 300 doses to individuals in Phase 1A, Phase 1B (75 years and older and those essential workers identified earlier this month), and Phase 1C group A (65 years and older). As of today, we have reached out to individuals that submitted surveys before noon on 1/6/2021. It is necessary for our clinics to remain appointment only so that we can maintain safety measures and vaccine integrity. When we receive notification of next week's shipment, we will begin to reach out to additional people who have pre-registered.

"We want to thank all of the volunteers and members of the National Guard who assisted in our vaccination clinic today. We are making progress in reaching our goal of vaccinating 70% of the population," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Although we received less vaccine this week than anticipated, we are excited about the progress we continue to make. We know that our residents are eager to be vaccinated, but we must continue to stress that we have to follow the prioritization guidance from the state as our vaccine supply allows. We appreciate the continued patience and support of our communities."

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 795, Leelanau– 789
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 159, Leelanau– 183
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 608, Leelanau– 595
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 28, Leelanau– 11
- Hospitalized: 112 total; 10 current

The State of Michigan has reported 542,146 cases and 13,905 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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