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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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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 nine new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 58 new cases (Benzie- 25; Leelanau- 33) of COVID-19 since Tuesday, January 19th. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 1/19/2021 -1/22/2021:

- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 2 cases
 - 13-19 years – 9 cases
 - 20-29 years – 4 cases
 - 30-39 years – 8 cases
 - 40-49 years – 6 cases
 - 50-59 years – 5 cases
 - 60-69 years – 8 cases
 - 70-79 years – 7 cases
 - 80-89 years – 5 cases
 - 90+ years – 4 cases
- Symptomatic – 75% of new cases, Asymptomatic – 25% of new cases that case investigations have been completed.
- Recovered – 43 new recovered (Benzie-18, Leelanau-25)
- Hospitalization – 7 new reported
- Transfer – 1 case transferred to another County (Leelanau-1)

There are some key points we would like everyone to be aware of today:

- Vaccine allocations continue to be low and unpredictable – the doses we will have available to administer next week are only 15% of what we expected. This is a common theme across the state as demand continues to significantly exceed available supply.
- We want to remind residents that our COVID-19 sign-up/ pre-registration survey was opened on December 23rd. We have received over 8,500 responses via that survey, and as doses become available, we contact people on the list for scheduling in the order in which they signed up. This process will take time as we are only allocated a limited number of first doses each week. Today we were notified we will be receiving 200 doses to be administered next week.
- Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced today, starting February 1st, restaurants are allowed to reopen with certain safety precautions in place. For more [information](#).
- We have been informed that individuals have been receiving emails asking to “change your preferences or Update your preferences”. We have contacted the hosting company and there is no way to disable this feature. We apologize for any confusion or annoyance this is causing.

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: 0 doses (we have administered all doses received)
- Total number of vaccine doses received: 1,596 doses
- Total number of vaccine doses administered: 1,596 doses
- Number of vaccines available next week: 200 doses

“Currently, pandemic risk indicators are following a pattern that we refer to as a “squiggly curve” – meaning that both positivity and case rates are remaining in a steady up and down pattern. This is true across the state, region, and counties,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “However, it is critical that we continue to take the necessary steps to reduce transmission including testing, isolation, quarantine, and mitigation measures such as masking, social distancing, and avoiding large gatherings to continue driving transmission down.”

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 802, Leelanau– 803
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 156, Leelanau– 182
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 618, Leelanau– 610
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 28, Leelanau– 11
- Hospitalized: 113 total; 10 current

The State of Michigan has reported 546,468 cases and 14,070 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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