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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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

Today there were eight new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and two new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 42 new cases (Benzie- 29; Leelanau- 13) of COVID-19 since Tuesday, January 19th. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 1/26/2021 -1/29/2021:

- Age:
  - 0-12 years – 1 case
  - 13-19 years – 3 cases
  - 20-29 years – 7 cases
  - 30-39 years – 6 cases
  - 40-49 years – 1 case
  - 50-59 years – 7 cases
  - 60-69 years – 4 cases
  - 70-79 years – 5 cases
  - 80-89 years – 4 cases
  - 90+ years – 3 cases
- Symptomatic – 91.2% of new cases, Asymptomatic – 8.8% of new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Recovered – 43 new recovered (Benzie-25, Leelanau-18)
- Hospitalization – 5 new reported
- Transfer- 1 Benzie case transferred to another county due to address change.

While still facing limited doses of vaccine, we are striving to distribute what we do receive in the most efficient and equitable way. This week we will be administering 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses in a variety of clinics around our counties. We have also been able to partner with Munson Healthcare and Northwest Michigan Health Services, Inc to develop a plan to vaccinate pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school staff. We understand the importance of in-person learning for the education and wellbeing of the children as well as the ripple effect this has on employers, parents, grandparents, and society at large and we are grateful for these partners. It is through collaboration and partnership that we do our best work here in northern Michigan and together we will work toward the goal of vaccinating 70% of the population.

“All of us want to get back to normal as soon as possible. We want to gather and hug our family and friends again,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “The hope and relief that we see on the faces of those we vaccinate at our clinics is a reward that can’t be adequately described through words. We have seen tears of joy flowing from the eyes of grandparents who can look forward to holding their grandchildren again and heard the relief expressed by school administrators whose teachers can look forward to the day they can teach without fear. We want the community to know that we care about each and every citizen and we won’t stop until every person who wants to be vaccinated has the opportunity.”

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has created a [COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#) to provide updates to the public. The estimated time to complete vaccinating individuals 65 years and older and those eligible essential workers is mid-July 2021. Here is where we are currently:

- Number of vaccine doses allocated for next week: 959 doses (559 doses are 2<sup>nd</sup> doses)
- Number of vaccine doses administered this week: 204 doses
- Total number of vaccine doses received: 1,822 doses
- Total number of vaccine doses administered: 1,822 doses

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 841, Leelanau– 830
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 149, Leelanau– 168
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 664, Leelanau– 650
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 28, Leelanau– 12
- Hospitalized: 118 total; 9 current

The State of Michigan has reported 557,883 cases and 14,497 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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