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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were two new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and one new case of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County.

Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has started scheduling individuals who registered on and before 1/12/2021. All our appointments this week are full and we have begun scheduling for next week's clinics.

The [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' COVID-19 vaccine Dashboard](#) has begun to provide coverage data for sex, age, and race. Below are the coverage rates of those 65-74 years old and 75 years and older who have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine:

- Benzie: 65-74 years old: 29.3% and 75 years and older: 42.9% have received their 1st dose.
 - 34.04% (1,630 1st doses administered/4,788 eligible individuals)
- Leelanau: 65-74 years old: 35.3% and 75 years and older: 40.1% have received their 1st dose.
 - 34.49% (2,399 1st doses administered/6,956 eligible individuals)
- Michigan: 65-74 years old: 34.8% and 75 years and older: 41.5% have received their 1st dose.

What happens when my name comes up and I am out of town?

We add a note to your information on our waiting list and will contact you upon your return. We strongly encourage scheduling your 2nd dose appointment at the time you receive your first dose and recommend keeping the appointment to avoid any delays in vaccination or uncertainty about the availability of future doses.

What happens to any extra doses left at the end of the day?

We keep our current waiting list at the clinic in case we have no shows, cancellations, or extra doses. No vaccine goes to waste and we ensure all doses are administered.

How can I help my elderly parents/neighbors sign up to receive their vaccine?

If someone you know is unable to complete our pre-registration form on their own for any reason, you can complete the form on their behalf. We ask that you enter their information but use a phone number and email that is monitored regularly, such as your own, to ensure all communication from the health department is received. You can also direct them to call the senior hotline at 231-715-5557 to get assistance pre-registering.

"With more approved COVID-19 vaccine providers and allocations becoming more predictable, there is good progress happening. Every week, as more people are vaccinated, our communities become more protected," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "We are excited to be part of our residents' journey to a healthy lifestyle and look forward to vaccinating more and more of our community members so we all can resume familiar activities and hug our family and friends."

As of today, here is where we are currently:

- Number of vaccine doses allocated for this week: 700 doses (500- 1st dose, 200- 2nd dose)
- Number of vaccine doses administered so far this week: 394 doses
- Total number of vaccine doses received: 5,074 doses
- Total number of vaccine doses administered: 4,768 doses

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 882, Leelanau– 875
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 53, Leelanau– 58
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 799, Leelanau– 802
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 30, Leelanau– 15
- Hospitalized: 127 total; 1 current

The State of Michigan has reported 583,964 cases and 15,405 deaths.

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