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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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

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

As cases move up and down, it is important for us all to remember that continuing to following important mitigation measures like masking and distancing continue to be very important. The vaccination of our community is going to take time. These protective measures will keep the community safe while we make progress. Vaccine allocations continue to be low and somewhat unpredictable and therefore we continue to work with our community partners to administer vaccines as efficiently and equitably as possible.

We know that residents are excited and waiting for their turn to get the vaccine. Here are answers to some of the frequent questions we receive:

#### **Where and how often are COVID-19 vaccine clinics?**

We continue to hold clinics in each county weekly of varying size as vaccine allocations allow. We are exploring options to continue these as well as rotate locations to make clinics more accessible to all residents. Reminder, COVID-19 vaccine clinics require an appointment are not open to the public.

#### **Where are we on the COVID-19 vaccine pre-registration/sign up list?**

We are currently scheduling individuals who have registered for the COVID-19 vaccine before 1/6/2021 at 9pm.

#### **How many individuals are on COVID-19 vaccine pre-registration/sign up list?**

As of today, we have more than 10,000 survey responses and over 3,000 requests through United Way/211/Area Agency on Aging. Just on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of January, we received over 1,300 survey responses and of those, not everyone is eligible right now, but it is a good reminder that there is high demand and interest for the COVID-19 vaccine. This vaccine rollout will take time and we continue to ask for patience.

#### **How are individuals contacted to schedule?**

This week, we are contacting individuals by phone due to several counties experiencing hacked scheduling links and individuals forwarding links to other individuals. Our overall goal is to equitable and efficient scheduling as we continue to vaccinate our residents.

“Yesterday, Michigan passed the million-dose threshold for the COVID-19 vaccine. Every dose given is a win and will potentially save a life,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We can’t lose focus and optimism as we face the inherent challenges of this process. Benzie-Leelanau continues to receive allocations and schedule according to the waiting list.”

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 this week: 959 doses (559 doses are 2<sup>nd</sup> doses)
- Number of vaccine doses administered this week: 0 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– 840, Leelanau– 831
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 122, Leelanau– 149
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 688, Leelanau– 670
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 30, Leelanau– 12
- Hospitalized: 120 total; 6 current

The State of Michigan has reported 562,510 cases and 14,672 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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