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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 two new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County.

Free Adult N95 masks are available at both of our county offices. Full [list of locations](#) that have free masks available.

This week the State of Michigan reached an important milestone – 1,000,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered! According to testimony given to Congress by Michigan Chief Medical Executive, Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, the Michigan Vaccination Strategy includes the following goals:

- 70% of Michiganders age 16 and up vaccinated as quickly as possible
- 90% of received vaccines are administered within 7 days
- 95% of people get their second dose of vaccine within the expected time frame
- No disparity exists in vaccination rates across racial and ethnic groups or by social vulnerability index
- No one has to drive more than 20 minutes to reach a vaccination site

“We are ready for this challenge because we know that it is the path back to normalcy for our world. It is frustrating for us to have to work below our capacity, but we are currently limited by the number of doses we receive each week and are hopeful that will continue to increase,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We need residents to remain vigilant with maintaining safety precautions such as masking, distancing, and limiting gathering sizes while we work our way through early limited vaccine allocations and strive for these important vaccination goals!”

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:

- We have been receiving 200-400 1st doses per week over the past 2-3 weeks
- We are expecting allocations to become more predictable in the future
- Number of vaccine doses allocated for this week: 959 doses (all available appointments have been scheduled this week)
- Number of vaccine doses administered this week: 310 doses (160- 1st dose, 150- 2nd dose)
- Total number of vaccine doses received: 2,781 doses
- Total number of vaccine doses administered: 2,132 doses

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 844, Leelanau– 833
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 122, Leelanau– 150
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 692, Leelanau– 671
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 30, Leelanau– 12
- Hospitalized: 120 total; 6 current

The State of Michigan has reported 563,893 cases and 14,704 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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