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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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

Today there were five new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and six new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 25 new cases (Benzie- 15; Leelanau- 10) of COVID-19 since Tuesday, February 2nd. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 2/2/2021 -2/5/2021:

- Age:
  - 0-12 years – 0 cases
  - 13-19 years – 4 cases
  - 20-29 years – 1 case
  - 30-39 years – 1 case
  - 40-49 years – 2 cases
  - 50-59 years – 4 cases
  - 60-69 years – 2 cases
  - 70-79 years – 1 case
  - 80-89 years – 6 cases
  - 90+ years – 4 cases
- Symptomatic – 60% of new cases, Asymptomatic – 40% of new cases that case investigations have been completed.
- Recovered – 48 new recovered (Benzie-21, Leelanau-27)
- Hospitalization – 1 new reported
- COVID-19 associated deaths- 3 new reported this week.

V-safe, an after COVID-19 vaccination health check-in, is helping providers across the country learn more about and possible side effects from the vaccine.

Operated by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Through the opt-in program, users can quickly tell the CDC if they have any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Depending on your answers, someone from CDC may call to check on you and get more information.

“I encourage everyone who receives a COVID vaccine to participate in the V-safe program,” said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director. People can register anytime in 21 days after getting the vaccine, but it is best to start on the day you get your first dose, he noted.

Health Department staff and volunteers are distributing a flyer about V-safe during vaccination clinics. It is optional to participate and does not impact the ability to obtain a second vaccination or report any side effects you may be experiencing to your primary care provider.

“The more people who participate in V-safe, the better the data,” Meyerson said. “The data helps us better understand how common side effects are, how long they last, and factors that may influence them. What we are already learning from this and other monitoring systems is that the COVID-19 vaccines are very safe, and although some people experience mild symptoms after receiving the vaccine, they are short lived.”

The V-safe program also reminds people to get their second dose.

To register, you need your smartphone and information about the COVID-19 vaccine you received. This information is found on the vaccination record card received during your vaccination. Once registered, you’ll receive check-in text messages to click. After clicking the link, a series of questions will be asked about how you are feeling. During the first week after you get your vaccine, V-

safe will send a text message each day. Then, you'll get a check-in message once a week for up to five weeks. The questions take less than five minutes to answer.

If you need a second dose of vaccine, V-safe will provide a new six-week check-in process so you can share your second-dose experience as well. Finally, you'll receive check-ins 3, 6, and 12 months after your final dose of vaccine. You can opt out of receiving the text messages and check-in process at any time.

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: 960 doses (400- 1<sup>st</sup> dose, 560- 2<sup>nd</sup> dose)
- Number of vaccine doses administered this week: 960 doses (409- 1<sup>st</sup> dose, 551- 2<sup>nd</sup> dose)
- Total number of vaccine doses received: 2,782 doses
- Total number of vaccine doses administered: 2,782 doses

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 855, Leelanau– 839
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 121, Leelanau– 130
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 704, Leelanau– 694
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 30, Leelanau– 15
- Hospitalized: 121 total; 3 current

The State of Michigan has reported 566,630 cases and 14,797 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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