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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there was one new case of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and zero new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported nine new cases (Benzie- 4; Leelanau- 5) of COVID-19 since Saturday, February 6th. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 2/6/2021 -2/8/2021:

- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 0 cases
 - 13-19 years – 1 case
 - 20-29 years – 0 cases
 - 30-39 years – 0 cases
 - 40-49 years – 1 case
 - 50-59 years – 0 cases
 - 60-69 years – 0 cases
 - 70-79 years – 1 case
 - 80-89 years – 2 cases
 - 90+ years – 4 cases
- Symptomatic – 50% of new cases, Asymptomatic – 50% of new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Recovered – 36 new recovered (Benzie-13, Leelanau-23)
- Hospitalization – 2 new reported

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is beginning to use a formula for allocation of COVID-19 vaccine doses to local health departments based on county level population and the CDC Social Vulnerability Index. The County level population formula estimates those who fit into Phase 1B group A and B (essential frontline workers, corrections staff, and school and childcare staff) and Phase 1C Group A (65 years and older). The [CDC Social Vulnerability Index \(SVI\)](#) is used to adjust population-based allocation of vaccinations to increase supplies to communities at greater risk for adverse outcomes from COVID-19. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has been receiving 400 doses per week recently.

“We are looking forward to the day when we can count on consistent amounts of doses each week,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “That will allow us to start planning clinics for weeks ahead rather than week to week. We are hopeful this will give residents some peace and ensure that they are on our list and that they will have an appointment when there is vaccine for them. We continue to work every day to schedule individuals for clinics and get vaccine administered to our community members.”

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 notified that our scheduling emails are ending up in junk or spam mail – please check these inboxes frequently.
- Number of vaccine doses allocated for next week: 960 doses (400- 1st dose, 560- 2nd dose)
- Total number of vaccine doses received: 3,742 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– 859, Leelanau– 844
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 112, Leelanau– 112
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 717, Leelanau– 717
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 30, Leelanau– 15
- Hospitalized: 124 total; 4 current

The State of Michigan has reported 569,417 cases and 14,905 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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