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

With multiple access points for COVID-19 vaccinations in our communities, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department worked to create and distribute an informational [toolkit for pharmacies](#). This week the health department's staff will provide and discuss the pharmacy toolkit and its purpose with the staff of Hometown Pharmacy in Suttons Bay and Honor as they begin to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to the community through a partnership with Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department.

The pharmacy toolkit provides information and ideas to ensure the safety measures in place over the last year to stop the spread of COVID-19 - such as masking, distancing, and hand hygiene - are incorporated into the planning and logistics of every step during each vaccination clinic. It will also be available on our website for additional eligible pharmacies that are preparing to vaccinate in the future.

Though the toolkit is geared towards pharmacies, other eligible providers vaccinating during this pandemic can use the suggestions and ideas within the pharmacy toolkit to continue promoting safety and preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, said, "given the nature of pharmacies being within the walls of a facility doing other business, or if it is a standalone, holding vaccination clinics creates additional foot traffic in and out of the facility. Our goal in creating the pharmacy toolkit is to support these facilities in providing safer vaccinations for residents is similar to how we supported other businesses from the onset of this pandemic last year with various business toolkits and resources for their facility. These suggestions ensure all clients, patrons, or visitors to these sites feel comfortable and safe when in their place of business," she said.

As of today, here is where we are currently with the COVID-19 vaccine:

Number of vaccine doses allocated for this week: 1050 doses (650 1st dose, 400- 2nd doses)

Number of vaccine doses administered so far this week: 751 doses

Total number of vaccine doses received: 7,569 doses

Total number of vaccine doses administered: 7,250 doses

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

Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 911, Leelanau– 921

Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 37, Leelanau– 75

Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 843, Leelanau– 831

Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 31, Leelanau– 15

Hospitalized: 133 total; 3 currently

The State of Michigan has reported 603,375 cases and 15,729 deaths.

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