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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. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 21 new cases – thirteen new cases in Benzie County and eight new cases in Leelanau County - of COVID-19 since Saturday, March 27th. One new COVID-19 associated death reported over the weekend of a Leelanau resident in his 50's.

More than 1,200 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are expected to be delivered in arms this week by staff with the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department, volunteers, and The Michigan National Guard.

"We are thrilled to provide a first dose to 500 residents in our jurisdiction, and a second dose to another 700 people who are all taking precautions to prevent themselves and their loved ones from getting COVID-19 and help them return to more normal activities in their lives," said Health Officer Lisa Peacock.

Three clinics are being held this week in Benzie and Leelanau counties, and, as a reminder, Peacock noted that all residents 16 and older are eligible to register for their shot. To sign up for vaccination at the Health Department:

- Visit www.bldhd.org.
- On the main page, click on the [COVID-19 Sign-up vaccine pre-registration link](#) for all priority groups to complete the pre-registration form.
- An automatic email or text will confirm your submission.
- As appointments become available, a text message or an email will be sent to you with information about how to schedule an appointment. Please monitor your text messages and email inboxes, including spam/junk mailbox for your confirmation and scheduling messages.
- Only the Pfizer vaccine has been approved for 16- and 17-year-olds so it is essential to properly fill in the date of birth fields in the pre-registration form for minors so that we can plan for vaccine as well as parent permission.
- A family member or friend can help register anyone with a barrier to online registration. Remember to put the registrant's date of birth or other personal information; however, you can list your phone number or email address. In addition, anyone with barriers to internet access or other constraints such as transportation can call 2-1-1, the Aging Hotline at 231-715-5557, or their local Senior Services.

The health department emphasizes the three vaccines on the market – Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson (Janssen) - are all safe and effective. To view an infographic showing how the COVID-19 vaccines were developed, tested on thousands of individuals, and eventually manufactured and released to the general public is available [here](#). Anyone with specific questions about the vaccine and their health status is encouraged to talk to their health care provider.

As of today, here is where we are currently:

- Number of vaccine doses allocated for this week: 1,250 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses distributed to other providers: 452 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses administered: 10,059 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses received: 10,511 doses.

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 970, Leelanau– 990
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 74, Leelanau– 97
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 865, Leelanau– 877
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 31, Leelanau– 16
- Hospitalized: 136 total; 0 currently

The State of Michigan has reported 660,771 cases and 16,034 deaths.

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