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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were three new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and four new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 44 new cases – 20 new cases in Benzie County and 24 new cases in Leelanau County - of COVID-19 since Friday, April 9th. Saturday, April 10, 26 new cases were reported: Benzie–13 and Leelanau–13. Sunday, April 11, 12 new cases were reported: Benzie–4 and Leelanau–8.

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has one message for anyone 16 years or older: Get the shot!

The health department continues to offer several COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Benzie and Leelanau each week.

- Tuesday, April 13th, Frankfort Trinity Lutheran Church providing Moderna – there are appointments AVAILABLE for this clinic! Click [Here](#) to schedule your appointment!

In addition, 952 second doses are being administered at this week's clinics.

To learn more and to sign up for any vaccine appointment for this week or future weeks, visit www.bldhd.org. Anyone with internet or other barriers to scheduling themselves through the website can call 2-1-1 or their County Senior Services. The vaccine is free and there is no charge to individuals.

Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is planning four school based COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine clinics for 16–17-year-old students in our district as well as their eligible family members. Minors need to be accompanied by their parent/guardian or bring a completed Pre-Immunization Questionnaire and Consent Form. Schools have the forms available if you have not received the one yet. Most other scheduled health department clinics only offer Moderna vaccine which is meant for those 18 years and older.

For those who missed their 2nd COVID-19 Vaccine appointment or those who still need their 2nd dose, we are keeping a list of individuals who are due/overdue for their 2nd dose. Each week we check our inventory and available appointments to schedule those individuals who are overdue. We schedule these appointments based on availability of vaccine therefore, we may not be able to schedule before the second dose is due although we will do our best to accommodate your second dose needs in a timely way.

“If you are 16 or older, you are eligible to get vaccinated. We want to urge everyone to get their shot,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “The race is on to get vaccinated now as the more easily spread variant is spreading across our region. Getting vaccinated is the key to returning to normalcy – to gathering with family and friends, to participating in school activities, and to being able to enjoy all the fun summer activities that northern Michigan offers.”

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1045, Leelanau– 1,107
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 123, Leelanau– 165
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 891, Leelanau– 926
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 31, Leelanau– 16
- Hospitalized: 138 total; 2 currently

The State of Michigan has reported 747,697 cases and 16,512 deaths.

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