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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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

Today there were 14 new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and 12 new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. With the increase in cases, our team may not be able to call each newly diagnosed individual in a timely manner. We ask that if you are diagnosed with COVID that you stay home for 10 days from symptom onset or from test date, if asymptomatic. Also, let your close contacts know to quarantine at home for 14 days from the last date of exposure. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 4/1/2021 -4/15/2021:

- Age:
  - 0-12 years – 20 cases
  - 13-19 years – 37 cases
  - 20-29 years – 43 cases
  - 30-39 years – 41 cases
  - 40-49 years – 37 cases
  - 50-59 years – 40 cases
  - 60-69 years – 26 cases
  - 70-79 years – 11 cases
  - 80-89 years – 3 cases
  - 90+ years – 0 cases
- Symptomatic – 96.2% of new cases, Asymptomatic – 3.8% of new cases that case investigations have been completed.
- Recovered – 30 new recovered (Benzie-15, Leelanau-15)
- Hospitalization – 3 new reported in April
- Linked to a school: 17.3% of new cases.
- Linked to travel: 8.4% of new cases.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer for both the Health Department of Northwest Michigan and the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department, was one of seven featured speakers at a statewide news conference held this morning by the Protect Michigan Commission.

During her remarks, via Zoom and with local and state media present as well as other audience members, Peacock credited strong partnerships and the perseverance and dedication of staff for the great progress in vaccinating the northern Michigan population.

Across the two health department jurisdictions she serves as health officer, Peacock noted that 12 mass vaccination clinics are held each week in different locations. In addition, to reach high-risk populations, strike teams in partnership with Senior Services reach out to congregate settings and homebound where people may face barriers to vaccination. The health department has also redistributed COVID-19 doses to local pharmacies and other providers to increase the number of access points throughout Benzie and Leelanau counties.

Peacock was pleased to cite that, in most instances, waiting lists for vaccination clinics are diminished and exhausted each week, and that the health department has transitioned to open, self-scheduled appointments in most circumstances.

“Since the safe and effective vaccines have been available, we have teamed up over and over again with partners like Munson Healthcare, tribal partners, and federally qualified health centers such as Northwest Michigan Health Services, Inc. in vaccinating the community starting with healthcare workers, then the senior population and educators, and now we are focusing on students and families,” she said.

To reach out to school-aged students and their families, the health department is working with schools to offer clinics focused on the high school population and community members. The Pfizer vaccine will be administered, and appointments are open for

anyone 16 and older. A parent/guardian must accompany a minor at the appointment unless the parent has received pre-consent information through the school.

For a complete list of all available vaccine clinics next week, visit [www.bldhd.org](http://www.bldhd.org). Anyone with barriers to making an appointment, such as access to the internet or transportation issues, should call 2-1-1 or their local Senior Services for assistance.

As of today, here is where we are currently:

- Number of vaccine doses allocated for this week: 1,310 doses.
- Number of vaccine doses administered so far this week: 981 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses distributed to other providers: 974 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses administered: 13,588 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses received: 14,846 doses.

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,090, Leelanau– 1,147
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 158, Leelanau– 196
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 901, Leelanau– 935
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 31, Leelanau– 16
- Hospitalized: 139 total; 2 currently

The State of Michigan has reported 770,822 cases and 16,731 deaths.

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