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

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting today that more than 14,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to people 16 and older, yet cases continue to dominate in the 13 to 59 age group. The answer: get vaccinated as quickly as possible at [upcoming clinics this week](#) or next - which have immediate availability – and you could be fully vaccinated by Memorial Day weekend.

Since December 2020, when COVID-19 vaccination clinics began, the health department has administered 14,428 total doses of COVID-19 vaccines. As of April 19th, the health department's vaccination status is as follows:

- Number of vaccine doses administered last week (April 12-18): 1,283 doses.
- Number of vaccine doses planned for administration this week: over 1,000 doses.
- Percent of Benzie and Leelanau County residents who have received at least one dose of a vaccine: 58.9%.
- Percent of Benzie and Leelanau County residents 65 and older who have received their first or initial dose: 77.8%.

For additional vaccine administration data, please visit our [COVID-19 vaccine dashboard](#). The health department's vaccine dashboard is updated weekly on Mondays.

"We are strongly suggesting businesses encourage their employees to get vaccinated during the clinics this week," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Receiving their first dose of Pfizer this week enables a person to be considered fully vaccinated (two weeks after second dose) by Memorial Day weekend. Fully vaccinated people, who are not experiencing symptoms, are not required to quarantine in the event of an exposure to COVID-19, which means less disruption for business owners," she said.

For community members, this also is a big plus, Peacock said, adding, "you, too, can get vaccinated prior to the arrival of the thousands of visitors we expect to see in our area during this tourist season."

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,124, Leelanau– 1,171
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 174, Leelanau– 200
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 919, Leelanau– 955
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 31, Leelanau– 16
- Hospitalized: 146 total; 5 currently

The State of Michigan has reported 799,140 cases and 16,986 deaths.

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