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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

**For Immediate Release**

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

Today there were seven new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and three new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County.

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting today that more than 37,727 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to people 16 and older by all providers - representing 62.8% of the total population in our two-county jurisdiction that has received at least one dose of the vaccine. Providers include the health department, pharmacies, physicians, hospitals, and other licensed vaccinators.

"This is excellent news, and we are making great strides toward the goal of vaccinating 70% of our total population 16 and older," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "At the health department, we are trying to remove any barriers to anyone who wants to get vaccinated by allowing people to self-schedule or walk into clinics. We are also working on bringing vaccination opportunities to locations where we hope to reach those who may be more socially vulnerable or have other barriers to our current clinics, including community pop up clinics in each county at several locations, where we will have both the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines," she said.

The Health Department began offering community pop-up clinics yesterday with our team setting up small clinic sites in Benzonia and Lake Ann. There is no scheduling required for pop-up clinics. Our next round of these clinics will take place tomorrow in Leelanau County, beginning in Leland at Leland Mercantile Co and in Suttons Bay at Hansen's Food of Suttons Bay and Hop Lot Brewery Company. The clinic will be offering Johnson and Johnson's Janssen and Moderna vaccines. As more community pop-up clinics are scheduled, we will release information on our Facebook and in our daily updates.

Peacock added, "the bottom line is this: we want our residents to know they can get vaccinated as quickly as possible with multiple upcoming opportunities - whether it be this week or next, we have immediate availability!"

Since December 2020, when COVID-19 vaccination clinics began, the health department has administered 15,780 total doses of COVID-19 vaccines. As of April 25, the health department's vaccination status is as follows:

- Number of vaccine doses administered last week (April 19-25): 1,235 doses.
- Number of vaccine doses allocated and planned for administration this week: 800 doses.
- Percent of Benzie and Leelanau County residents who have received at least one dose of a vaccine: 62.8%.
- Percent of Benzie and Leelanau County residents who have completed their COVID-19 vaccine series: 49.0%.
- Percent of Benzie and Leelanau County residents 65 and older who have received their first or initial dose: 79.9%.

As of 4:00 p.m. today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie- 1,177, Leelanau- 1,204
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie- 198, Leelanau- 197
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie- 948, Leelanau- 991
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie - 31, Leelanau- 16
- Hospitalized: 147 total; 2 currently

The State of Michigan is reporting 833,891 cases and 17,467 deaths.

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