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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported one new case – one new case in Benzie County - of COVID-19 since Friday, June 11th. Today there were no new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and Leelanau County. Saturday, June 12th, one new case was reported in Benzie County. Sunday, June 13th, no new cases were reported in Benzie and Leelanau County.

Some people who have already been infected with COVID-19, and recovered, wonder if they still need to get vaccinated. The answer is yes!

“Yes, you should be vaccinated regardless of whether you already had COVID-19. That’s because experts do not yet know how long you are protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19,” said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director for the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), even if you have already recovered from COVID-19, it is possible - although rare - that you could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 again. Learn more about [why getting vaccinated is a safer way to build protection](#) than getting infected.

Getting COVID-19 may offer some protection, known as natural immunity, the CDC states. Current evidence suggests that reinfection with the virus that causes COVID-19 is uncommon in the months after initial infection but may increase with time. The risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity. COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by creating an antibody (immune system) response without having to experience sickness.

Getting vaccinated yourself also protects people around you, Dr. Meyerson said, [particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19](#).

The health department continues to offer vaccination clinics throughout the two-county jurisdiction. As vaccine rates rise and demand decreases, we are making some adjustments to our weekly schedule. Please look carefully at the website and Facebook page for information as clinic times will be reduced and additional popup clinics will be scheduled as community need indicates. Public health nurses are on site at these events and able to answer any questions that residents may have regarding the vaccines. All clinics are open to walk-ins or people can register by clicking on the clinic link below:

- **Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - Suttons Bay Middle School Gymnasium, 310 S. Elm Street, Suttons Bay, MI 49682
    - Time: 10:00-12:00 and 5:00-6:00pm
    - Vaccine: Moderna, Janssen, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
    - To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
  - Art’s Tavern, 6487 W. Western Ave. Glen Arbor, MI 49636
    - Pop-up clinic, walk-ins welcome
    - Time: 11:00- 1:00pm
    - Vaccine: Moderna, Janssen, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
- **Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - Crystal Cafe, 1681 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616
    - Time: 2:00- 6:00pm
    - Vaccine: Moderna, Janssen, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
    - To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,255, Leelanau– 1,260
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 27, Leelanau– 21
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,194, Leelanau– 1,223
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 34, Leelanau– 16
- Hospitalized: 160 total; 0 currently

The State of Michigan is reporting 892,469 cases and 19,548 deaths.

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