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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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**For Immediate Release**

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### **Health Department releases updated COVID-19 Workplace Toolkit as guide to help employers provide safe environment for staff, customers.**

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has updated its [COVID-19 Workplace Toolkit](#) to assist employers in providing a safe environment for their employees and customers.

“We are distributing the toolkit to chambers of commerce, industrial associations, and the general public today to help provide employers with a COVID-19 workplace checklist,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “The toolkit provides a summary of state and federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance to assist employers in providing a safe and healthy workforce.”

The guidance covers recommendations for universal screening, social distancing practices, and what to do if an employee tests positive for COVID-19. The toolkit is available [here](#) or on the website [www.bldhd.org](http://www.bldhd.org).

“This is basic guidance intended to assist employers in recognizing and abating hazards likely to cause death or serious physical harm as part of their obligation to provide a safe and healthful workplace,” Peacock noted.

The seven-page document includes numerous links for employers to obtain additional information to help them research specific issues pertaining to their business. The document covers:

- Development of a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan and includes a sample plan developed by MIOSHA,
- The types of training pertaining to COVID-19 that employers should provide staff, contractors, or other individuals on site,
- Instruction on developing facility entry and health screening protocols,
- Determining personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements for your facility,
- Development and implementation of a social distancing plan for all communal areas,
- Information on ventilation systems,
- Development and implementation of cleaning protocols,
- Case monitoring protocols,
- CDC travel guidance and recommendations,
- Implementation of protections from retaliation and how to set up an anonymous process for workers to voice concerns about COVID-19-related hazards,
- Requirements for posting signs at entrances, restrooms, and other high traffic areas, and
- A sample COVID-19 Workplace Health Screening form.

As summer gets into full swing, the health department is urging all residents - including children, ages 12-18 - to get vaccinated now so they can safely gather with family and friends throughout the coming months and be fully vaccinated in time for sports and return to school in the fall.

The health department is asking business owners or managers to consider filling out our [business survey](#) which will help us assess coverage levels and potential barriers for employees who may be interested in getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

The health department continues to offer regular vaccination clinics throughout the two-county jurisdiction. 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 29th**
  - Suttons Bay Middle School Gymnasium, 310 S. Elm Street, Suttons Bay, MI 49682
    - Time: 10:00-12:00pm
    - Vaccine: Moderna, Janssen, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
    - To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)
- **Wednesday, June 30th**
  - Crystal Cafe, 1681 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616
    - Time: 4:00- 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– 1,258, Leelanau– 1,260
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 6, Leelanau– 1
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,218, Leelanau– 1,243
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 34, Leelanau– 16
- Hospitalized: 160 total; 0 currently
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The State of Michigan is reporting 894,260 cases and 19,712 deaths.

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