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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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### Health official: Mixed vaccination rates among two-counties means 'we have more work to do.'

While residents in the two-counties of the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department are making great progress in getting vaccinated for COVID-19, some areas within the population are lagging.

"We are making progress in putting COVID-19 behind us, and we've achieved high vaccination rates among our counties," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "However, vaccination rates in some areas of our counties are lagging and we have more work to do."

"We all want to continue to experience the benefits of reduced community spread, seeing loved ones, reopening local businesses, enjoying summer, and safely getting kids back to school this fall," Peacock said. "The vaccines are extremely effective and safe, and the best way to keep us on the right track is for every eligible adult and child age 12 and older to get vaccinated. Communities that are experiencing high rates of COVID infections today are the ones with low vaccination rates," she added.

All three vaccines – Pfizer, Moderna and J&J – are offered at vaccination clinics hosted weekly at the community sites in both counties. All three vaccines are safe and effective against COVID-19 and the variants, which continue to mutate and spread – and will do so – until enough of the population is vaccinated to stop the mutations.

The health department continues to offer regular vaccination clinics across 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:

- **Wednesday, July 7th**
  - 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](#)
- **Tuesday, July 13th**
  - 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](#)

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,260, Leelanau– 1,261
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 6, Leelanau– 1
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,220, Leelanau– 1,244
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 34, Leelanau– 16
- Hospitalized: 160 total; 0 currently

The State of Michigan is reporting 895,395 cases and 19,775 deaths.

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