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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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Are your child's vaccines up to date? Now is the time before school starts

Are your child's or young adult's vaccines all up to date? Before school starts is the ideal time to make sure your child or young adult is fully vaccinated against several preventable diseases, including COVID-19.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all aspects of life, including patients' ability to attend important appointments and receive routine vaccinations," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer with the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department.

"Many children, parents and families had to postpone or cancel appointments and still may not have had the opportunity to catch back up on needed healthcare. August is National Immunization Awareness Month – a perfect time to review the status of your child or young adult's vaccine schedule of vaccine-preventable diseases through on-time vaccination," she said.

Often, parents wonder if their child can get a COVID-19 vaccine during the same visit with other vaccines. The answer is yes, your child/young adult can get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines at the same visit. According to the CDC, experience with other vaccines has shown that the way our bodies develop protection after getting vaccinated (immune response) and possible side effects of vaccines are generally the same when given alone or with other vaccines. If you have specific questions about your child's health, it is recommended you talk with your healthcare provider to learn more.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has an [easy-to-follow immunization schedule](#) for those birth through age 18. Additionally, the CDC has graphics [depicting the schedule for infants, youth and adults](#) as well as other resources. As we gear up to head back to school, it is crucial that we continue to vaccinate Michigan adolescents with COVID-19 vaccine. Anyone 12 and older is eligible to obtain the COVID-19 vaccine, with parental/guardian permission.

Everyone is welcome at all health department clinics, including residents and non-residents. All three COVID-19 vaccines are available at every clinic. Minors must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian. Public health nurses are on site at these events and able to answer any questions about the vaccines.

All clinics are open to walk-ins or an appointment can be scheduled by clicking on the clinic link below:

Tuesday, August 10th

- 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, August 11th

- 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](#)

COVID-19 Case Counts

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting the following case information:

- On Tuesday, August 3, 2 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (0), and Leelanau (2).
- On Wednesday, August 4, 3 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (0), and Leelanau (3).
- On Thursday, August 5, 4 new case of COVID-19 was reported in Benzie (1) and Leelanau (3).

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,273, Leelanau– 1,295
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 13, Leelanau– 31
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,226, Leelanau– 1,248
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 34, Leelanau– 16
- Hospitalized: 165 total; 1 currently

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