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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

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

Munson Healthcare has expanded eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine to residents who are 80 years and older who live in their service area which includes Benzie and Leelanau County. For more information, visit munsonhealthcare.org/covid19vaccine or call 231-935-SHOT for details about eligibility and scheduling. The call lines have been very busy, so please be patient.

“We have shown that we can successfully and safely vaccinate more than 1,700 of our community residents that have signed up through our COVID-19 registration survey,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Our biggest challenge is having enough supply of vaccine. We are excited to have Munson Health Care, Northwest Michigan Health Services, Inc, United Way/211, Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan, Commissions on Aging and Senior Services, as well as the National Guard to aid with our vaccine efforts. When that vaccine arrives, we are ready!”

The estimated number of doses needed to fully vaccinate all those in Phase 1A and Phase 1B in the Benzie-Leelanau Health jurisdiction is approximately 30,000 doses. The estimated time to complete vaccinating individuals 65 years and older and those eligible essential workers is mid-July 2021. Here is where we are currently:

- Number of vaccine doses administered this week: 164 doses
- Number of vaccine doses available this week: 40 doses
- Total number of vaccine doses received: 1,800 doses
- Total number of vaccine doses administered: 1,760 doses

County	Population	65+ population (estimation from percentage from census.gov)	Doses Administered by Residence (MDHHS COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard)	
	(2019 census.gov)			Percentage
Benzie	17,766	4,797	1,680	9.46%
Leelanau	21,761	6,964	2,055	9.44%

*As of 1/26/2021

As of 4:00pm, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting:

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 822, Leelanau– 823
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 145, Leelanau– 169
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 649, Leelanau– 642
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 28, Leelanau– 12
- Hospitalized: 118 total; 9 current

The State of Michigan has reported 554,237 cases and 14, 411 deaths.

Visit our [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#) for the latest local information including recovered data and contact tracing. Michigan Department of Health and Human Service Dashboard: [Dashboard](#). Additional and updated information can be found on our [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) or by calling our public information line 231-882-2197. If you have COVID-19 related question, fill out a quick [survey](#), email questions to hotline@bldhd.org, or call our public information line at 231-882-2197.

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