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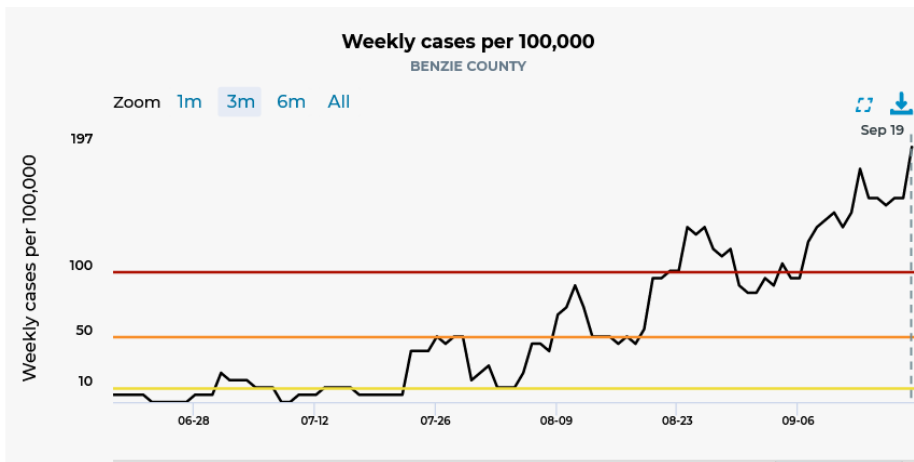Fax: 231-882-0143

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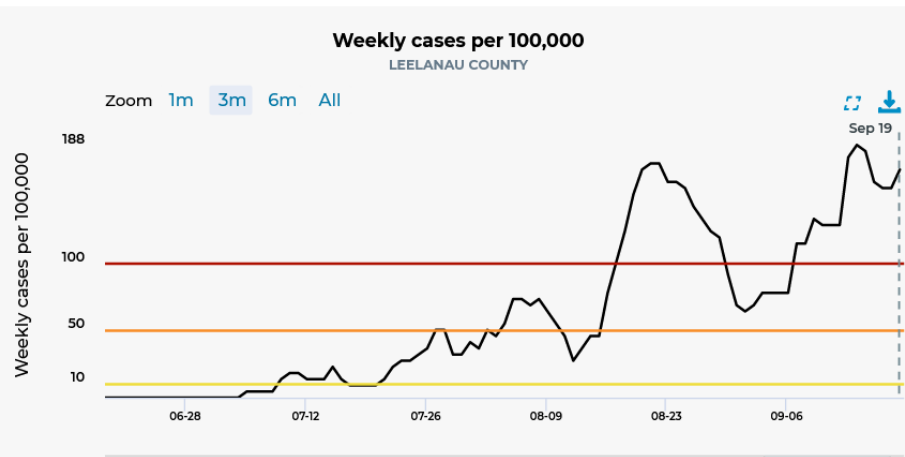
COVID Case Trends

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department team continues to monitor newly diagnosed COVID cases and test positivity rates. These are two of the indicators we follow to assess the trends in the spread of COVID-19 in our community.   Below are 2 graphs that demonstrate the rapid increase in cases that began in mid-August and reinforce the need to continue to take measures to reduce the spread through wearing face coverings, avoiding large groups whenever possible, staying home when ill, and frequent handwashing.

Benzie County cases per 100,000:
 7/22/2021: 5/100,000
 9/19/2021: 197/100,000

Leelanau County cases per 100,000:
7/22/2021: 22/100,000
9/19/2021: 170/100,000

Source:
www.mistartmap.info

Booster Doses of Vaccine

The approval to administer booster doses is required by both the FDA and the ACIP, and currently approval has only been obtained for administration to immunocompromised individuals. We anticipate a decision about additional groups that may receive booster doses at the end of this week. "We are asking residents to be patient as we cannot administer the Pfizer booster doses until we receive approval by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices," said Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director for the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department. "As soon as we get approval, we will publicize the process for people to access the vaccine." It is anticipated that when approved, booster doses will be available through the health department, and through pharmacies and physician offices that are currently administering COVID vaccine.

COVID Testing

The health department is offering free COVID-19 testing with the support of HONU lab. The test is free, and no doctor's order is required. Pre-registration is not required, but it is recommended to reduce time spent at the testing clinic, and walk-ins are welcome.   Testing is available:

- Mondays and Thursdays, 10-3: Suttons Bay Old Middle School, 310 Elm, Suttons Bay (North drive/entrance)
- Tuesdays and Fridays, 10-3, Crystal Café, 1681 Benzie Hwy, Benonzia

To register for testing at the Suttons Bay Site visit: http://honumg.info/OldSuttonsBayMS
To register for testing at the Crystal Café/Benzonia site visit: https://honumg.info/CrystalCafe

COVID Vaccine

Vaccination is our most powerful tool. 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:

Tuesdays
- Suttons Bay Middle School Gymnasium, 310 S. Elm Street, Suttons Bay, MI 49682
- 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

Wednesdays
- 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

COVID-19 Case Counts

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

Case Counts

Date	Benzie New Cases	Leelanau New Cases	Total
9/15/2021	3	3	6
9/16/2021	6	8	14
9/17/2021	5	4	9
9/18/2021	1	2	3
9/19/2021	9	3	12
9/20/2021	1	7	8

Hospitalized Residents:

Month	# Admitted
Dec -20	26
Jan-21	25
Feb-21	8
Mar-21	11
Apr-21	18
May-21	4
June-21	2
Jul-21	2
Aug-21	12
Sep-21	7
Total	**109**

Total Active Cases: Benzie – 53; Leelanau – 59
Total Recovered Cases: Benzie – 1265; Leelanau – 1329
Total Cases: Benzie – 1404;   Leelanau – 1459
Total Deaths: 52