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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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Preregistration for COVID clinics required; Online or call in scheduling available

With an increase in demand for COVID-19 vaccine, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is requesting those interested in attending a vaccination clinic to schedule an appointment online or call the Michigan COVID-19 hotline at 888-535-6136.

“We are very pleased with the increased interest in getting vaccinated against the coronavirus – either due to the more rapidly spreading Delta variant or to receive a booster or third shot – and we are no longer able to accommodate walk-ins at our clinics,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “To assure we have the right balance of staff and vaccines to accommodate our clients, we are asking everyone to schedule a clinic appointment by either [visiting our website](#) or calling the Michigan COVID-19 hotline,” she added.

To schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 clinic that offers Pfizer, Moderna, or the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, visit the health department website at www.bldhd.org or call 888-535-6136 to speak to a worker to answer any questions and schedule an appointment.

Questions have been asked regarding the difference between a third dose and a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and how to obtain the additional dose. To clarify the latest recommendations, the health department is providing the following information.

- **Booster dose:** a single booster dose, to be administered at least six months after completion of the primary series for individuals that have received the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination only.
- **Third dose:** an additional dose administered to persons who are immunosuppressed due to underlying medical conditions or immune-suppressing medications. For immunocompromised individuals a third dose of an mRNA vaccine should be given anytime 28 days after completion of their primary series. The third dose is available to individuals that completed their Pfizer or Moderna vaccine series.

At this time, no additional or booster doses are recommended for people who received a J&J shot.

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 require appointments due to an increase in demand for additional doses and boosters. Appointments can be scheduled by clicking on the clinic link below:

Tuesday, October 5th

- Suttons Bay Middle School Gymnasium, 310 S. Elm Street, Suttons Bay, MI 49682
- Time: 1:00-5:00pm
- Vaccine: Moderna, J&J Janssen, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
- To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

Wednesday, October 6th

- Crystal Cafe, 1681 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616
- Time: 1:00- 5:00pm
- Vaccine: Moderna, J&J Janssen, and Pfizer (open to 12 or older, parent/guardian must accompany minor)
- To schedule an appointment: [Click Here](#)

COVID-19 Case Counts

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:

- On Monday and Thursday, from 10 am – 3 pm at the Suttons Bay Old Middle School. To register visit: <http://honumg.info/OldSuttonsBayMS>
- On Tuesday and Friday, from 10 am – 3 pm at the Crystal Café in Benzonia. To register visit: <https://honumg.info/CrystalCafe>

COVID-19 Case Counts

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

- On Friday, October 1, 7 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (3), and Leelanau (4).
- On Saturday, October 2, 13 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (6), and Leelanau (7).
- On Sunday, October 3, 8 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (5), and Leelanau (3).
- Today, October 4, 16 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Benzie (7) and Leelanau (9).

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,490, Leelanau– 1,537
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 143, Leelanau– 137
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,313, Leelanau– 1,381
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 34, Leelanau– 19
- Hospitalized: 190 total; 3 currently

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