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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

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

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is making excellent progress in vaccinating people across its region and northern Michigan.

Currently, more than 45% of the eligible population, 16 years of age and older, in the health department two-county jurisdiction have completed vaccination and 60% of the same population have initiated the vaccination series. Some 78.4% of those 65 and older and 26.1% of teens 16-19 are vaccinated with at least one dose in Benzie and Leelanau counties. This week, Leelanau County boasts the highest rate of vaccination coverage in the state and, as of yesterday, reached 64.1% of the eligible population having received at least one dose!

“This is a big accomplishment that 60% of Benzie and Leelanau County residents have initiated their COVID-19 vaccine series. Every day there are more clinics and vaccinations being administered that will help us reach the goal of 70% of our eligible residents 16 and older being vaccinated,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We recognize the health department is just a part of the efforts happening in our counties. Our communities would not be able to reach these milestones without volunteers, community partnerships, the Michigan National Guard, and – most importantly – our residents who signed up, got their COVID-19 vaccine, and those who assisted their friends and family members,” she added.

Today in partnership with Munson Healthcare, we held a Pfizer clinic in Maple City at the Glen Lake School focused on teens and their families as well as the general community. We were delighted to be able to provide a COVID-19 vaccination to a Member of the Michigan House of Representatives, Jack O’Malley and his wife Robin.

“I choose to get vaccinated because it’s the sensible thing to do,” stated Jack O’Malley. “I suggest that people that are willing and able to get it and I think most people are. Hopefully, we can make this more available to everyone and it becomes a little more common place. Herd immunity is a big deal.”

Jack O’Malley gave this response to hearing that Leelanau County has the highest level of vaccination coverage in the state. “That is the fighting 101st we lead the way! Benzie is my home so that’s another reason that I made sure I got vaccinated here. I want to support the good people that are helping the good people of the district!”

As of April 22nd, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting the following:

- Number of vaccine doses allocated for next week: 1,100 doses.
- Number of vaccine doses administered so far this week: 966 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses distributed to other providers: 1,014 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses administered: 14,856 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses received: 16,816 doses.

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 1,152, Leelanau– 1,191
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 188, Leelanau– 205
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 933, Leelanau– 970
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 31, Leelanau– 16
- Hospitalized: 147 total; 4 currently

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