ANNOUNCING THREE NEW COVID-19 CASES, 1st BREAKTHROUGH CASE, UPCOMING VACCINATION DATES, CDC PANEL BACKS 3RD SHOT FOR THE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED, SPORTS PHYSICALS
August 16, 2021

- The GTB Health Department is reporting three (3) new positive COVID-19 cases from August 13th. The local health department for Leelanau County was notified as the county of residence for all cases and is in the process of completing a case investigation. If you've been identified as a close contact (someone who has been within 6 feet of an infected person [laboratory confirmed or a clinically compatible illness]) for a cumulative of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. An infected person can spread the virus that causes COVID-19 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date during the course of the case investigation, please expect to receive a call or text from the local health department or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. **It is critically important you respond to the call or text in order to protect the community from further spread.**

- A reminder for the following upcoming dates for vaccinations. Additionally, COVID-19 vaccinations continue to be offered at any patient encounter.

  COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all people aged 12 years and older, including people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant now, or might become pregnant in the future. Additionally, it is strongly encouraged that close contacts of immunocompromised people be vaccinated against COVID-19 to provide another layer of protection.

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The GTB Health Department has two convenient options to schedule. You can call the GTB COVID-19 Vaccine Line (231-534-7475). Or, you can utilize a self-schedule option for COVID-19 vaccinations. Individuals can select dates and times that would be convenient. Additionally, individuals will receive notifications of their upcoming appointment, options to modify, or cancel their appointment by text. A link to the platform can be found on the main GTB health services page, [http://gtbindians.org/health_services.asp](http://gtbindians.org/health_services.asp) > COVID-19 Vaccine Self-Schedule (Solv). We encourage calling the GTB COVID-19 Vaccine Line or the self-scheduling option to allow for planning. Walk-ins will be accepted however vaccine doses may not be available.
You can also click on the following links to schedule directly at the location for upcoming dates:

- Benzie site: https://www.solvhealth.com/book-online/0xW0w
- Charlevoix site: https://www.solvhealth.com/book-online/gZJPYg
- Herkner Road: https://www.solvhealth.com/book-online/AWoXXA
- Medicine Lodge: https://www.solvhealth.com/book-online/A6dK1g

The GTB Health Department has administered 3,873 doses, including 2,032 first doses, 1,841 second doses, 2,211 Moderna doses, 1,634 Pfizer doses, and 28 Johnson & Johnson doses.

Currently, 58% of GTB tribal members age 12 and over and 80% of GTB elders age 55 and over in the 6-county service area are vaccinated. Also, specifically for GTB tribal members 12 to 17 year of age, 56% in the 6-county service area have received at least one shot with 52% fully vaccinated. Overall, 41% of GTB tribal members 12 to 17 years of age have received at least one shot with 37% fully vaccinated.

- Below is summary information for 172 cumulative positive cases to-date tested at the GTB Health Department:
  - 10 cases since August 1, 2021.
  - 9 cases in the week of August 9, 2021.
  - Average age of cases in August 2021 was 19.6 years old compared to 35.1 prior to August 2021.
  - 10 Active cases, 161 recovered cases, 1 death
  - 121 symptomatic, 51 asymptomatic at time of test
  - 105 had known exposure within 2 weeks prior to test
  - 9 had traveled within 2 weeks prior
  - 4 had 1 vaccine dose
  - 1 breakthrough case in a fully vaccinated asymptomatic patient who had a known exposure

By Age
- 0-20 – 52 cases
- 20-29 yrs – 32 cases
- 30-39 yrs – 27 cases
- 40-49 yrs – 18 case
- 50-59 yrs – 20 cases
- 60-69 yrs – 15 cases
- 70-79 yrs – 4 cases
• 80-89 yrs – 3 cases
• >89 yrs – 1 case

By County
• Leelanau – 70
• Benzie – 3
• Grand Traverse – 74
• Kalkaska – 4
• Manistee – 2
• Charlevoix – 7
• Antrim – 11
• Ingham – 1

***There are more active cases in the community that were tested at other facilities that are not included in this tally.

• On August 12, 2021, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) modified the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to allow for the administration of an additional dose (i.e. third dose) of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine after an initial 2-dose primary mRNA COVID-19 series. The additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine is for certain immunocompromised individuals. On August 13, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) unanimously voted in favor of recommending an additional dose of an mRNA dose for certain immunocompromised individuals. The recommendations are listed below:

  o The age groups authorized to receive the additional dose are unchanged from those authorized to receive the primary vaccination series (Pfizer for persons aged 12 and older, Moderna for persons aged 18 and older).
  o Attempts should be made to match the additional mRNA COVID-19 vaccine dose to the same vaccine product as the initial 2-dose mRNA COVID-19 primary vaccine series. However, if the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine product given for the first two doses is not available, the other mRNA COVID-19 vaccine product may be administered. A person should not receive more than three mRNA COVID-19 vaccine doses.
  o Due to insufficient data, the emergency use authorization amendment for an additional dose does NOT apply to Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine or individuals who received Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine as a primary series. The CDC and FDA are actively engaged to ensure the immunocompromised recipients of Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine have optimal vaccine protection.
The additional dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine should be administered at least 28 days after the completion of the initial 2-dose mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series.

Data have found evidence of reduced immune response to a 2-dose primary mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series in some groups of immunocompromised individuals. An additional dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine after an initial 2-dose primary mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series should be considered for people with moderate to severe immune compromise due to medical condition or a receipt of immunosuppressive medications or treatments. These conditions and treatments include but are not limited to:

- Active treatment for solid tumor and hematologic malignancies
- Receipt of solid-organ transplant and taking immunosuppressive therapy
- Receipt of CAR-T cell or hematopoietic stem cell transplant (within 2 years of transplantation or taking immunosuppression therapy)
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (e.g. DiGeorge, Wiskott-Aldrich syndromes)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high dose corticosteroids (i.e. greater than or equal to 20mg prednisone or equivalent per day), alkylating agents, antimetabolites, transplant-related immunosuppressive drugs, cancer chemotherapeutic agents classified as severely immunosuppressive, TNF blockers, and other biologic agents that are immunosuppressive or immunomodulatory.

The GTB Health Department has begun reaching out to patients that are eligible to receive the additional COVID-19 mRNA vaccine dose. Please do not hesitate to contact the COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline (231-534-7475) or your GTB medical provider for questions.

The GTB Health Department would also like to encourage those interested in a sports physical to contact the clinic (231-534-7200) to schedule.

Please note, the GTB Health Department tests tribal members and families, government employees, government entities, and essential support groups to GTB when possible.

Respectfully,

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