



Formed in October, 1996, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is committed to assuring that everyone in our communities has access to health services and is protected from disease and disability.

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department, working together with the Board of Health in the two county district, provides a broad range of services at designated health department offices and clinics, in schools, worksites, homes, and recreational areas.

The health department's team of professionals: Dedicated nurses, practitioners, sanitarians, technicians, dieticians, community health workers, health educators, peer counselors, lactation consultants, and social workers provide health services for individuals and families.

As the health care world changes, the health department's mission remains the same: To prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public's health.

Services will be provided to Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department clients without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or disease.

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department's Board of Health meets every other month, alternating sites between Benzie and Leelanau County.

The Board of Health meetings are open to the public.

To inquire about the dates and location of the Board of Health meeting, please call 882-4409 or 256-0200.

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Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department



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FOR THE HOME

Wells: Permits for location and construction of wells; investigation of complaints regarding water quality.

Sewage: Requirements for location, construction, and maintenance of individual sewage systems to prevent ground and surface water contamination; evaluation of existing sewage systems.

Vacant Land: Evaluation of vacant land parcel soils and groundwater conditions to determine their suitability for an on-site sewage system.

Subdivision/Site Condominiums: Evaluation of land parcels divided for building development with individual water wells and sewage systems.

FOR RECREATION

Surface Water/Bathing Beaches: Water sampling and safety evaluation of public beaches and surface water.

Public Swimming Pools: Licensing, education, and annual inspection of public swimming pools/spas to evaluate water quality and safety.

Campgrounds: Annual inspections of campgrounds to review compliance with public health standards.

FOR BUSINESS

Food Service Program: Food handlers education; licensing, plan review, inspection, and investigation of facilities serving food to the public.

Licensed Facilities: Evaluation of foster homes and day care centers for compliance with water, sewage disposal, and safety standards.

Septic Waste Haulers: Annual inspection/licensing of individuals who service septic tanks/portable toilets.

DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Communicable Disease Surveillance: Surveillance to prevent the occurrence of communicable disease, control the spread of diseases that have already occurred, and educate individuals and groups about effective methods for disease prevention, including sexually transmitted diseases, food-borne diseases, rabies, West Nile Virus, tuberculosis, biological weapons, and others.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases: Free and confidential sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment.

HIV Counseling and Testing: Certified counselors provide confidential, anonymous, and free counseling and testing for HIV antibody.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH FOR MEN AND WOMAN

Family Planning/Reproductive Health: Affordable and confidential services: Physical exams, including breast and pelvic exams; pap smears; birth control, including IUDs, implants, pills, vaginal rings, and injections; Free condoms and lubricant; Sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment; Rapid HIV testing and counseling (results in 20 minutes); Pregnancy testing and counseling; health counseling and referrals as needed.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening: Cervical cancer screening (pap smear) and breast cancer screening (mammogram) screenings and assistance with abnormal screening follow up. Mammograms available for women over age 40.



FOR THE FAMILY

WIC: Nutrition education and supplemental food benefits for pregnant/postpartum women and infants/children up to age 5 that meet income guidelines.

Immunizations: We offer routine vaccines for all ages. We accept most insurances, including Medicaid and Medicare. Additionally, there are programs available that serve underinsured and/or uninsured individuals. TB testing is also available.

Maternal Infant Health Program: This program offers Home visits from a team of nurses, social workers and dieticians to provide individualized support to families to promote healthy pregnancies and healthy babies. Medicaid eligible pregnant women and infants up to one year of age, are invited to enroll.

Healthy Futures: Support for women during pregnancy and parents of infants provided by nurses and Lactation Consultants. Includes newsletters, phone calls, and home visits. Through collaboration with local hospitals and area physician offices, this service is available at no charge to the family.

Breastfeeding Support: Support is provided by Certified Lactation Consultants and Breast Feeding Peer Counselors to help you reach your breastfeeding goals through WIC, Health Futures, and Maternal Infant Health Program.

Community Connections: Free program providing supportive phone calls and home visits (if needed) by a community health worker, nurse, or social worker to provide support and connection to local community resources like food or transportation assistance.

Health Insurance: Information and assistance applying for health insurance, including Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan.

Children's Special Health Care Services: Assistance provided to individuals (up to 21 years old) with special health care needs to access medical care with specialists, health education, and local community supports in a family centered approach.

Hearing and Vision Program: Certified technicians provide vision and hearing screening and follow-up services for school-age children.