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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department were notified scammers posing as Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department officials are calling people attempting to sell COVID-19 test kits or asking for personal information. These calls appear to come from the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department. The Health Department will NOT be calling people to sell COVID-19 tests or treatments. We also will never call you asking for account information, social security numbers or passwords. Anyone who receives these calls should hang up immediately. DO NOT give out any personal information! If you want to verify if the call is coming from the health department, hang up and call us directly at 231-256-0200.

The Benzie Leelanau District Health Department has developed a toolkit for local businesses and organizations who are considered essential services. The toolkit, linked here, provides suggested guidelines for employers, a flowchart for potential COVID-19 exposure, and cleaning guidelines for facilities after a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 exposure (though many guidelines are relevant before any known exposure). These guidelines are available on the COVID-19 page on the Health Department website.

As of 2pm, the Benzie Leelanau District Health Department is reporting no new positive COVID-19 cases in the Benzie and Leelanau. Total positive cases- One Leelanau County. The State of Michigan has reported 6,498 cases and 184 deaths.

Additional and updated information can be found on our Website or Facebook or by calling our public information line 231-882-2197. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has a statewide hotline for COVID-19. Public health and other experts will answer health-related questions about COVID-19. The hotline will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-888-535-6136.

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