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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department notified of Two New COVID-19 Cases in Leelanau County

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting two new positive case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in a Leelanau County resident and a close household member. The individuals, two adult females, were exposed downstate in mid-March.

The individuals have been isolated since their return to the County and are currently recovering at home. The health department's investigation of these cases did not identify any community exposure. Other household members remain in quarantine and do not have symptoms at this time. Household contacts will continue to be quarantined until 14 days after the diagnosed individuals are deemed non-infectious.

Dr. Joshua Meyerson, Medical Director of the Benzie Leelanau District Health Department, states "We hope that these two individuals continue to recover without complications. This is an example of why self-quarantine and staying at home is so important. When residents abide by the Stay Home, Stay Safe orders the number of people exposed to an individual with COVID-19 is greatly reduced."

Local updates and information are available on the health department's website at www.bldhd.org or on the Health Department's Facebook page- www.facebook.com/BenzieLeelanauDHD/. The Health Department Public Information line for questions is 231-882-2197.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has created a statewide hotline for COVID-19. Public health and other experts will answer health-related questions about COVID-19. The team can also direct residents, providers and more to the right resources in their local communities and in other state government departments. 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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