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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Over the weekend, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department was notified of two new cases, one new case in Benzie and one new case in Leelanau. The Leelanau case was due to an error in the State database which included an incorrect address and has since been corrected. The Benzie case is an asymptomatic male in his fifties with no history of travel. The case has been investigated and close contacts have been notified. The case investigation did not identify a confirmed source of infection.

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department wants to make the public aware that as we do more testing of the general public we are likely to see more cases, including those who display no symptoms. As this becomes more common, it is imperative to remember that the community mitigation measures required of open businesses and individuals are the most protective actions we can take. It is always recommended to self-monitor for COVID-19 type symptoms (fever, cough, body aches, shortness of breath) and to stay home when we don’t feel well. As always, if you start experiencing symptoms or have questions, contact your healthcare provider or your local health department for assistance with finding a test.

Health Officer, Lisa Peacock, shared, “As we begin to interact more with others outside of our household, we want to remind everyone of the importance of the steps we can all take to protect ourselves and those around us such as using a face covering in public and practicing social distancing when out in public. Asymptomatic cases remind us that anyone can have COVID without realizing it and could be unknowingly spread it to others.” We all need to do our part in moving the phases of safe re-engagement.

Visit our COVID-19 Data Dashboard for the latest local information including recovered data and contact tracing. Michigan Department of Health and Human Service Dashboard: Mi Safe Start Map. Additional and updated information can be found on our Website and Facebook or by calling our public information line 231-882-2197.

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