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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there was one new case of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County and one new case of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County. Case investigations are currently in progress. Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department was notified today of our second death in Leelanau County. The individual was a male in his 80's.

"We extend our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of this individual. This sad news is always a reminder of how serious this illness is. It is more important than ever to continue to protect each other." stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer.

Today, we were notified by the National Guard that they need to cancel Thursday's COVID testing event at Crystal Mountain Thursday. We will work with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the National Guard to get these all locations rescheduled. Until then, if you are looking for testing, here is a [list of testing sites](#) in our counties and surrounding counties.

"The covidactnow.org website shows us that the number of states in the red "imminent or current outbreak" status has grown to 19 over the past few weeks and fewer states are in the much lower risk "slow disease growth", stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "None remain in the green "on track to contain COVID". Most states join Michigan in the orange "at risk for outbreak" status. The contagious nature of this illness and the high percentage of people who experience it without symptoms make it especially dangerous for the vulnerable members of our population. People who feel well can easily spread the illness without knowing it, so we need to keep diligent with the safety precautions like wearing a mask, limit large gatherings, stay 6 feet away from individuals outside your household, and practice good hand hygiene."

As of 4:00pm, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting:

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 92, Leelanau– 129
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 24, Leelanau– 25
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 66, Leelanau– 102
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 2
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 7, Leelanau– 14
- Hospitalized: 20 total; 0 current

The State of Michigan has reported 149,392 cases and 7,053 deaths.

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: [Dashboard](#). Additional and updated information can be found on our [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) or by calling our public information line 231-882-2197. If you have COVID-19 related question, fill out a quick [survey](#), email questions to hotline@bldhd.org, or call our public information line at 231-882-2197.

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