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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were two new cases of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County and two new cases of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County. Case investigations are currently in progress.

Today, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon issued an [Emergency Order](#) that updates and further expands requirements for residential care facilities, while also permitting indoor visitation in residential care facilities in certain circumstances. [Infographic](#).

COVID-19 can be spread by people who do not have symptoms and do not know that they are infected. Masks may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Masks, when worn over the nose and mouth, reduce the spray of respiratory droplets when the person wearing them coughs, sneezes, talks, or shouts.

“We are pleased that MDHHS continues to prioritize the health and safety of those residing in congregate care settings,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Michigan continues to see many outbreaks around the state related to long term facilities but we also understand the importance of being able to visit safely with loved ones. While this pandemic continues to rage on across the country, we are learning more every day and our knowledge of age-old public health strategies like social distancing, wearing a mask, and proper hand washing.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 94, Leelanau– 131
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 26, Leelanau– 27
- 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– 16
- Hospitalized: 20 total; 0 current

The State of Michigan has reported 150,989 cases and 7,086 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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