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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

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

Reminder, we do always request that if someone is being tested that they isolate until they get the results. We have been noticing an increase in close contacts through our recent case investigations. The challenge is that the infectious period begins 2 days before the development of symptoms, so by the time a person knows they are sick they have already exposed others for a couple of days. That is why quarantine after exposure and/or testing is so important – typically if someone is maintaining quarantine when/if they develop symptoms the only people exposed are household members.

“As cases have increased over the past weeks, many have asked if hospitalizations and deaths are also rising and they are – as we knew they would,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “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. It is for all of these reasons that we just can’t give up now.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 113, Leelanau– 145
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 40, Leelanau– 34
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 71, Leelanau– 109
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 2
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 6, Leelanau– 18
- Hospitalized: 23 total; 3 current

The State of Michigan has reported 167,545 cases and 7,257 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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