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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were ten new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie and three new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. Reminder, we will only be updating case counts Monday-Friday. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 40 new cases (Benzie- 26; Leelanau- 14) of COVID-19 since Tuesday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 10/27/2020 -10/30/2020:

- Age:
 - 13-19 years – 14 cases
 - 20-29 years – 7 cases
 - 30-39 years – 3 cases
 - 40-49 years – 3 cases
 - 50-59 years – 3 cases
 - 60-69 years – 6 cases
 - 70-79 years – 3 cases
 - 80-89 years – 1 case
- Residents – 39 new cases, Non-Residents – 1 new case
- Symptomatic – 84.8% of cases, Asymptomatic – 15.2% of cases for case investigations that have been completed
- Recovered – 4 new recovered (Benzie-4)
- Hospitalization – 4 new
- Probable cases – 2 new probable cases (Benzie- 1, Leelanau- 1)
- 1 potential low risk exposure site: (Potential low-risk public exposure locations for new cases where close contacts may not have been able to be identified are listed below. If you were at this location during the times identified, please monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell, fever, muscle aches, sore throat, fatigue, headache, runny nose/congestion, vomiting, diarrhea). If symptoms develop, notify your health care provider or seek out testing.)
 - Buffalo Wild Wings, 10/23/2020 10:00-10:45 pm

Yesterday, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services revised and extended its epidemic order to contain the spread of COVID-19, as Michigan continues to see a surge in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. Under the newly extended orders, MDHHS reduced the maximum gathering size from 500 persons to 50 persons for indoor gatherings such as weddings, parties, and banquets in nonresidential settings without fixed seating. Bars, restaurants, and social events not in private homes are now restricted to indoor party sizes of six people at a single table. Our region, the Traverse City region, previously had fewer restrictions due to lower COVID-19 rates but with the new orders has been moved into Phase 4 of the MI Safe Start system.

“We encourage all residents to take extra precautions every time you leave the house and this weekend if you decide to participate in Halloween activities,” states Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Every time you are around people outside your household, you are at risk of being exposed to COVID-19. We understand that the change to Phase 4 is reflective of the increasing cases and therefore risk in our area. We need to stick together and continue this hard work, taking the precautions seriously to help reduce the spread in our counties.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 131, Leelanau– 152
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 56, Leelanau– 41
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 73, Leelanau– 109
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 2
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 7, Leelanau– 19
- Hospitalized: 24 total; 4 current

The State of Michigan has reported 174,388 cases and 7,309 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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