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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were no new cases of COVID-19 identified in Benzie or Leelanau County.

Yesterday, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued an Emergency Order Under MCL 333.2253 which addressed gathering prohibitions and masking requirements. The new order issued by MDHHS establishes procedures to be followed during the COVID-19 epidemic to ensure the continuation of essential public health services and enforcement of health laws. This order is effective immediately and remains in effect through October 30, 2020.

“We are still in the midst of a global pandemic. The best steps each of us can take to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are to wear a facemask in public, avoid large gatherings of people, stay 6 feet away from others outside your household, and wash your hands often,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “COVID-19 is dispersed through respiratory droplets and these safety measures prevent the spread of the virus. We encourage everyone to continue to follow these important steps to protect yourself, your loved ones, and the community from COVID-19.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 73, Leelanau– 113
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 19, Leelanau– 21
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 52, Leelanau– 91
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 1
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 4, Leelanau– 9
- Hospitalized: 18 total; 1 current

The State of Michigan has reported 129,826 cases and 6,838 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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