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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. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress.

So far this week, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has issued three new Emergency Orders to continue the pandemic mitigation strategies for businesses and residents of Michigan. The first Emergency Order maintained some of the major areas of mitigation including masking and limitations on gathering limits. One of the subsequent Emergency Orders provided the details of requirements for school reporting of COVID-19 case, and the other addressed safety precautions for residential care facilities such as nursing homes, other adult living facilities, and substance use disorder residential facilities. These Emergency Orders are statewide and remain in effect through October 30th, 2020. We urge all residents to comply with the latest Emergency Orders and take all safety precautions seriously to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

“We must not lose sight of the hard work we have done to get to this point. While our local cases and positivity rate are low and our hospital capacity continues to be manageable, we will continue to carefully watch for change while we evaluate additional orders and direction from State authorities. However, we are always prepared to change our strategy should the need arise as we have throughout the pandemic response”, stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We would like everyone to remember that no matter what orders or rules are in place, nothing replaces the effort of each of us doing our part to reduce the risk for our families and our communities.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 75, Leelanau– 113
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 21, 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 130,842 cases and 6,847 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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