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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were six new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and nine new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 56 new cases (Benzie- 22; Leelanau- 34) of COVID-19 since Tuesday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 11/10/2020 -11/13/2020:

- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 1 case
 - 13-19 years – 3 cases
 - 20-29 years – 4 cases
 - 30-39 years – 5 cases
 - 40-49 years – 12 cases
 - 50-59 years – 13 cases
 - 60-69 years – 12 cases
 - 70-79 years – 6 cases
 - 80-89 years – 0 cases
 - 90+ years – 0 cases
- Residents – 58 new cases
- Symptomatic – 97.1% of new cases, Asymptomatic – 2.9% of new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Recovered – 10 new recovered (Benzie-5, Leelanau-5)
- Probable cases- 6 new cases (Benzie- 6)
- Case Transferred to another county's justification– 2 cases in Leelanau

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department in partnership with Honu Labs, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, and Sleeping Bear National Park Services are offering free drive thru COVID-19 testing next Wednesday, November 18th, 2020. Testing will be held at the Sleeping Bear Dune Climb from 10:30am to 3pm.

As we are experiencing a surge in cases, we are asking residents to please take safety precautions and understand that COVID-19 is widespread throughout the community. We are seeing several new cases in which the individual does not know how they were exposed. With this new surge, we need businesses and residents to help us by:

- If you are told that you have tested positive for COVID-19, you need to isolate at home for 10 days from the start of your symptoms or from the date your test was taken if you have no symptoms.
- You should notify anyone you have had close contact with (within 6 feet for a cumulative 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period) starting 48 hours before your symptoms began and instruct them to quarantine for 14 days from their last contact with you.

“We need everyone to understand and share this information because you may not hear from the health department in a timely way as we begin to prioritize cases,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We are pleading with our communities to step up to this challenge – without a vaccine yet, isolation and quarantine are our most effective tools to slow down the spread of COVID-19. We have flattened the curve before with these safety precautions and we ask everyone to not give up and to do their part. “

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 188, Leelanau– 230
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 96, Leelanau– 107
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 89, Leelanau– 121
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 3, Leelanau– 2
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 25, Leelanau– 21
- Hospitalized: 28 total; 3 current

The State of Michigan has reported 244,741 cases and 7,929 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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