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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 seven new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 34 new cases (Benzie- 14; Leelanau- 20) of COVID-19 since Tuesday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 11/3/2020 -11/6/2020:

- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 0 cases
 - 13-19 years – 5 cases
 - 20-29 years – 4 cases
 - 30-39 years – 5 cases
 - 40-49 years – 5 cases
 - 50-59 years – 6 cases
 - 60-69 years – 7 cases
 - 70-79 years – 2 case
 - 80-89 years – 0 cases
 - 90+ years – 0 cases
- Residents – 34 new cases
- Symptomatic – 95.5% of cases, Asymptomatic – 4.5% of cases for case investigations that have been completed
- Recovered – 5 new recovered (Benzie-3, Leelanau-2)
- Hospitalization – 2 new since Tuesday
- Death – 1 new in Benzie since Tuesday
- Probable cases – 8 new probable cases (Benzie- 7, Leelanau- 1)
- Case Transferred to another county's justification– 1 case in Leelanau
- Two potential low-risk exposure sites: (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.)
 - Rosie's County Café in Thompsonville- 11/1/2020 11:00am-12:00pm (Noon)
 - Streetside Grille in Suttons Bay- 10/30/2020 3:00-5:00pm

Outbreaks and cases are increasing across the state, and Northern Michigan is no exception. Unfortunately, rising cases and outbreaks eventually lead to increased hospitalizations and deaths. We are so sorry to hear of additional community members that have been lost to COVID-19 across the region, and our deepest thoughts are with those close to them. We are imploring every community member to do their part and adhere to the rules in place, especially those requiring isolation and quarantine, masking, gathering limits, and social distancing so that we can protect our vulnerable neighbors.

We have received several questions about social bubbles. A [social bubble](#) is a group of people that only socializes within the group and consistently practice COVID-19 prevention measures. Social bubbles are meant to be smaller groups to reduce the risk of coming into contact with COVID-19 and they are not intended to socialize with everyone you know. When done correctly, socializing with your social bubble can be done safely if everyone in your small group stays at least 6 feet apart, wears a mask (even when outdoors), and practices good hand hygiene. We understand socialization is important especially throughout this pandemic and using the social bubble idea/practice can help us to see friends and family in a safer way.

"We know how important it is for our mental and emotional health to gather and socialize but we want to remind people to keep groups small and take proper precautions," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "It is important to remember that we can still get COVID-19 from the people in our inner circle – when each person within that circle goes to work or school or a social or sporting

event, they bring that close contact back, and our circle grows. Even in places we see as our safe spaces, such as our home or that of our family or friends, we must continue to practice mitigation measures to keep the risk of transmission low.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 154, Leelanau– 179
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 72, Leelanau– 63
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 79, Leelanau– 114
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 3, Leelanau– 2
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 17, Leelanau– 20
- Hospitalized: 27 total; 3 current

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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