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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were four new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and two new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 30 new cases (Benzie- 13; Leelanau- 17) of COVID-19 since Saturday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 11/7/2020 -11/9/2020:

- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 0 cases
 - 13-19 years – 4 cases
 - 20-29 years – 5 cases
 - 30-39 years – 5 cases
 - 40-49 years – 2 cases
 - 50-59 years – 5 cases
 - 60-69 years – 5 cases
 - 70-79 years – 2 cases
 - 80-89 years – 2 case
 - 90+ years – 0 cases
- Residents – 30 new cases
- Symptomatic – 100% of new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Recovered – 7 new recovered (Benzie-5, Leelanau-2)
- New probable cases- 4 new cases (Benzie- 2, Leelanau-2)
- Probable cases – 2 removed from probable cases (Leelanau- 2)
- Case Transferred to another county's justification– 1 case in Benzie
- 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.)
 - Boones in Suttons Bay-
 - 10/31/2020 11:00am-9:00pm
 - 11/1/2020 5:30-9:00pm
 - Stormcloud Brewing in Frankfort-
 - 11/1/2020 5:00-6:00pm

Last Friday, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services released [recommendations for employers](#), including creating COVID preparedness plans, workplace procedures, conduct daily self-screening for staff, strengthen cleaning and disinfection procedures, and collaborate with your local health department. These recommendations are consistent with the [emergency rules](#) issued by MIOSHA and were released to help keep safe workplaces. This comes after a surge in cases across the state, and we are no exception to this locally.

“As you are likely aware, we are currently experiencing a rapid surge in cases of COVID-19 across the state, nation, and in northern Michigan,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Most of the counties in Region 6 & 8 are now in the highest risk category “E” for either the case rate, the positivity rate, or both. This reflects the current reality that there is widespread transmission of COVID-19 happening throughout our communities, including workplace settings. It is important that we all do our part to slow the spread of this virus.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 167, Leelanau– 196
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 80, Leelanau– 78
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 84, Leelanau– 116
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 3, Leelanau– 2
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 19, Leelanau– 20
- Hospitalized: 27 total; 3 current

The State of Michigan has reported 216,804 cases and 7,640 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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