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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Northwest Michigan Health Service, Inc, in partnership with Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department will be offering appointment based, drive through testing starting Monday April 13th, 2020 at the Northwest Michigan Health Service, Inc Traverse City location. Testing will be scheduled from 12:00 – 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Testing will be by appointment, and those needing testing will need to go through their primary care provider for triage first, then receive an order for testing. Those without a primary care provider can call Northwest Michigan Health Services’ triage line: 231-642-5292.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer for the Benzie Leelanau District Health Department shared, “We are very happy to see expanded capacity for testing and are pleased to work in partnership with NMHSI on this important project”

As of 2pm today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting no additional cases of COVID-19 cases. That leaves the count at zero in Benzie County and four in Leelanau County (one recovered). The Health Department has recorded 103 individuals tested with 6 pending results. The State of Michigan has reported 25,635 cases and 1,602 deaths.

Additional and updated information can be found on our Website and Facebook or by calling our public information line 231-882-2197. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has a statewide hotline for COVID-19. Public health and other experts will answer health-related questions about COVID-19. The hotline will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-888-535-6136. The MDHHS has created a COVID-19 support line that will be open seven days a week 1-800-985-5990.

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