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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

The State of Michigan website reported an additional three cases in our jurisdiction, two cases in Benzie and one case in Leelanau. After investigation, we determined that these were errors in their reporting at the lab level and are NOT positive cases in our jurisdiction and were not associated with Benzie and Leelanau Counties for testing or residency. Therefore, as of 2pm today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department continues to report four positive cases of COVID-19 in Benzie County and nine positive cases in Leelanau County. The Health Department has recorded 239 individuals tested with 26 pending results. The State of Michigan has reported 40,399 cases and 3,670 deaths.

This morning we held a community conversation with over 30 partners within our two-county region to discuss and share response efforts and important information for the public. There were many questions about re-engagement planning and strategies.

We know that residents are beginning to return to second homes in our area and in order to welcome them back and keep our whole community safe, The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has created a returning resident toolkit. This toolkit has community resources and information on COVID-19 and is attached [here](#). “We care about all of our residents and want those returning to our community to be able to remain comfortably at home during the advised two-week quarantine period. We hope that this information about local resources is helpful to them in their transition”, said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer for the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department.

Reminder, Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is holding Community Calls on Wednesdays at 11am as well as a media briefing on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 am. Email rpomeroy@bldhd.org for an invite to these meetings.

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.

We appreciate the dedication of all critical infrastructure workers – please join us in protecting them by staying home, only leaving for essential needs when absolutely necessary.

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