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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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### **The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update**

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is launching our COVID-19 data dashboard. The dashboard can be found [here](#) as well as on our website and will be updated daily.

The COVID-19 data dashboard will present the most up to date information available regarding COVID-19 in our counties. The dashboard with local data can be found [here on our website](#), and updated case counts in Michigan can be found by visiting the [MDHHS website](#).

“Launching the dashboard can provide some insight into COVID-19 in our communities,” shared Health Department Medical Director, Dr. Josh Meyerson. “However, it’s important to remember that with a small number of cases and with some backlogs in getting testing results, the ‘trends’ that we are seeing locally are of limited value because they represent a small sample.”

Now that we are able to share data in this accessible way, we will be decreasing the frequency of our news releases. Starting Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, we will start doing updates on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only. We will continue to update counts on Facebook and our dashboard daily.

As reported yesterday, there have continued to be some data errors in the reporting system used by the State. Two cases were attributed to Benzie County and one to Leelanau County in error today - one case is an address error and the other is a recent positive case who was tested again. We are working with the state to get these corrected and they assure us that the cause of the error has been identified and fixed. 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 243 individuals tested with 22 pending results. The State of Michigan has reported 41,379 cases and 3,789 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.

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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