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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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

As Michigan continues to open more business sectors and areas of the economy, residents need to keep up the tremendous progress in fighting COVID-19. Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department wants our residents to know that we need to keep working to expand testing and require people who test positive, or are close contacts of those who do, to self-isolate to reduce the spread. Those who wish to be tested locally can call Northwest Michigan Health Services, Inc at 231-642-5292 to schedule an appointment for testing at their drive-through facility. Moving too fast without the tests we need could put Michigan at risk of a second wave of infections.

The Governor outlined the six phases of the plan to re-engage Michigan's economy in the MI Safe Start Plan which can be found [here](#). She indicated that Michigan is currently considered to be in Phase 3 - "Flattening the Curve"

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, shares, "the MI Safe Start Plan helps us to understand not only where we are now, but also provides direction for future planning. Although Michigan is currently in phase 3, we know that things change quickly, and we should continue working to prepare for subsequent phases as re-engagement expands. This is very encouraging for all!"

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 358 individuals tested with 40 pending results and four recovered. The State of Michigan has reported 47,552 cases and 4,584 deaths. Visit our COVID-19 Data Dashboard for the latest local information including recovered data and contract tracking: [www.bldhd.org/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.bldhd.org/coronavirus-covid-19)

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.

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