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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has re-issued our Public Health Emergency Order through May 15th, 2020 at 11:59 pm to ensure the safety of our residents and critical infrastructure workers. Please find the new Public Health Emergency Order 2020-4 attached [here](#) and replace all copies of 2020-3 with this updated document.

We would like to wish our amazing Public Health Nurses a Happy Nurses Day and Appreciation Week! In public health we look to Lillian Wald as the “mother” of our profession and just as she brought social justice to the neediest of the needy in New York City more than 100 years ago, our Public Health Nurses continue to deliver health and hope to our communities, especially watching out for the underserved, making life better for all of us! Health Officer, Lisa Peacock, stated “To all of these dedicated and professional nurses who are serving our residents in so many varied and quiet ways, I say THANK YOU for choosing this path and promoting the health of our whole community!”

This morning we held a community conversation with over 50 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.

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 304 individuals tested with 25 pending results. The State of Michigan has reported 45,054 cases and 4,250 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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