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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

According to recent data compiled by [COVID Act Now](#), Michigan is one of two states that are on track to ‘contain’ COVID-19. Let’s continue doing our part during the re-opening of our state by remembering how to stay safe to stay open!

MDHHS issued an order this week of great significance to our highest risk group – those living in long term care facilities. These facilities are at high risk for outbreak and have seen the greatest loss of life of any population throughout the pandemic. Therefore, this order recognizes that COVID-19 remains a significant risk to this population and institutes requirements for COVID-19 diagnostic testing within long term care facilities.

“Our staff has been working diligently to support all congregate living settings throughout the pandemic and this week is working closely with the Michigan National Guard and Michigan State Police to accomplish testing at the long-term care facilities within our counties” shared Lisa Peacock Health Officer. “This will hopefully get them off to a good and efficient start in meeting these new protective requirements. We are committed to protecting this and our vulnerable populations.”

Reminder this weekend, we are offering drive thru testing to all Michigan residents who wish to be tested regardless of symptoms. Testing will take place at Suttons Bay High School on Saturday and Benzie Central High School on Sunday. Testing will be available from 11-3pm and no appointment or doctors note are required. If you have insurance, please bring your card with you. If you do not have insurance, you are welcome to come and be tested at no charge.

As of 2pm today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is continuing to report total case counts of five positive cases of COVID-19 in Benzie County and twelve positive cases in Leelanau County. The State of Michigan has reported 60,618 cases and 5,818 deaths. Visit our [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#) for the latest local information including recovered data and contact tracing. Michigan Department of Health and Human Service Dashboard: [Dashboard](#). Additional and updated information can be found on our [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) or by calling our public information line 231-882-2197.

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