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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Over the weekend, Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department and LynxDX were able to test over 475 individuals in Suttons Bay and Benzonia. This could not have been possible without incredible partnerships and community support. Thank you to all who planned and volunteered to make sure this testing event was safe and successful! Reminder for those who were tested, the Health Department staff will be calling you with your results when we get them from the lab about four to five days after you have been tested. If you have questions, please call 231-882-2197.

We are happy that we were able to increase our testing numbers in these rural counties and want to remind our residents that there are still positive cases being reported each day around northern Michigan. Some of the recent positive cases have been asymptomatic, which reminds us that COVID-19 can be circulating around our community and that even those without current symptoms may be able to transmit the virus.

“We know that with more movement in and out of our communities, and with increased access to testing, we will see more cases in our counties,” shared Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. “By staying home when sick, washing our hands, keeping our distance, and wearing face masks, we can all help to reduce the risk of a rise in cases. Together, these health and safety precautions have powerful and impactful results in controlling the spread of COVID-19.”

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 61,630 cases and 5,864 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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