The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Yesterday, Governor Whitmer announced in Executive Order 2020-100 that she was immediately moving the entire state to phase 4 of the MI safe start plan, “improving.” She also rescinded the stay home order, she outlined businesses that are and are not permitted to re-open at this time.

- Effective immediately individuals can gather outdoors in groups of up to 100 people. People not part of the same household should maintain six feet of distance for one another.
- Indoor social gatherings and events among persons not part of a single household are permitted, but may not exceed 10 people.
- Campgrounds and short-term rentals are permitted to open. We have created a campground FAQ sheet for campground owners.
- June 8th, outdoor public pools are permitted to open with limit capacity of 50%.
- June 8th, libraries and museums may open with the same restrictions as retail under Executive Order 2020-97.
- The following must remain closed for the present time: indoor theaters, cinemas, performance venues, casinos, indoor gym, hair salons, nail, tanning, massage, tattoo, body art, traditional spa, and piercing services. Indoor services or facilities, or outdoor services or facilities involving close contact of persons, for amusement or other recreational or entertainment purposes, such as amusement parks, arcades, bingo halls, bowling alleys, indoor climbing facilities, indoor dance areas, skating rinks, trampoline parks, and other similar recreational or entertainment facilities.

“This week we continue to see progress in our fight against COVID-19 in Michigan,” Shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Over the last several weeks we have continued to work our way back to our new normal. As the rules become less black and white, the level of responsibility rises for each of us holds to exercise caution. While this has been a challenging time, we’ve made some sacrifices when it comes to the global pandemic and we’re seeing our numbers continue to improve, and that is cause for feeling optimistic.”

As of 2pm today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department continues to report four positive cases of COVID-19 in Benzie County and eleven positive cases in Leelanau County. The State of Michigan has reported 57,731 cases and 5,553 deaths. Visit our COVID-19 Data Dashboard for the latest local information including recovered data and contact tracing: BLDHD COVID-19 Dashboard. Michigan Department of Health and Human Service Dashboard: MI Safe Start Map. 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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