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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

As of 2pm today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting five new cases over the last two days including three in Benzie County and two in Leelanau County. This brings the total case counts to eight positive cases of COVID-19 in Benzie County and eighteen positive cases in Leelanau County. The case investigation and contact tracing for the newly reported cases are currently in progress. Approximately 70 close contacts have been identified as linked to the five new cases so far and the Health Department staff is in the process of contact tracing with these individuals. The State of Michigan has reported 63,870 cases and 5,947 deaths.

One potential public exposure site has been identified:

- Streetside Grille in Suttons Bay, Saturday 6/27/2020 and Sunday, 6/28/2020 between 12:00-9:00 pm on both days.

If you were at this location during the listed time period or shortly thereafter, you should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days since the possible exposure. If you develop symptoms, please contact the health department nurse at 231-882-6366. Symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches, fatigue, sore throat, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, and decreased taste and smell. Anyone that is self-monitoring as a result of a potential exposure to COVID-19 should keep away from others as much as possible. Testing during the 14-days after potential exposure for someone who does not have symptoms may not be helpful as it may be too early to reveal a positive result even if infected. If you do choose to be tested, you should wait at least 7 days after exposure. If you have questions about testing or about your potential exposure, please call our COVID information line at 231-882-2197.

Last Thursday, there were seven cases reported that were associated with testing conducted last week by the National Guard in long term care facilities. After case investigation, we corrected some addresses of those tested which decreased the total cases number in Leelanau County.

“It is not unusual for addresses to be reported incorrectly initially due to being tested in a location, such as a worksite or a residence they are visiting, that is different from county of residence,” shared Michelle Klein, Director of Personal Health. “We correct the addresses during our investigation and that is why county case numbers may shift and why there may be a temporary discrepancy with the MDHHS data.”

Today, Governor Whitmer signed [Executive Order 2020-142](#) to require schools to create COVID-19 plans. [MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap](#).

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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