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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

We are approaching the busy time in our popular area of the state, we at the Health Department want to continue to remind residents and visitors of some safety precautions they can use to stay healthy while being out in the community. While we understand that many travelers, seasonal, and full-time residents enjoy the beautiful scenery and activities that northern Michigan has to offer, we encourage everyone to keep in mind that we are moving carefully through these phases of re-opening our state.

“We know that one person with COVID-19 can quickly and easily infect several other people,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “This number is potentially much greater when these precautions aren’t followed. That is why it is important that everyone continues to follow best practices and safety precautions as additional businesses and travel are phased back in. We must strive to continue to keep that number low.”

In order to protect our residents, visitors, and employees, we are advising that all abide by the following guidelines:

- If you are sick, stay at home. Do not leave your residence and do not go to work.
- If you have symptoms suggestive of COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider or local health department for assistance and to seek testing as soon as possible.
- All individuals traveling to northern Michigan for vacation, to stay in seasonal homes or are returning from travel out of the area should consider carefully their risk of exposure during travel (ie: attended a gathering or event, international travel, traveled via public transportation such as plane, train, or bus, traveled to an area with a rising rate of cases of COVID-19). If travel indicates higher risk, then they are advised to stay at home for 14 days upon arrival to your destination. If they must leave their home, they are advised to wear a face covering, practice social distancing, and frequently wash their hands.
- All residents, whether full-time or seasonal, and visitors should adhere to the required safety precautions while in business establishments such as stores, bars, and restaurants including face coverings, social distancing, and capacity limits posted at business entrances.
- Maintain 6-feet of social distance with those outside your household and avoid crowding on outdoor trails and in recreational areas such as beaches.
- Comply with limits on gatherings of not more than 10 in an indoor space and not more than 100 in an outdoor space.

By following these simple guidelines, the risk for spreading COVID-19 lowers significantly, protecting everyone who lives, works, and plays in beautiful northern Michigan.

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 58,241 cases and 5,595 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: [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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