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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were 6 new cases of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County and 1 new case of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County. The investigation of the most recent case is in progress and the information known at this time is below:

- Age:
 - 0-19 years – 1 case
 - 20-29 years – 1 case
 - 30-39 years – 1 case
 - 40-49 years – 1 case
 - 50-59 years – 1 case
 - 60-69 years – 1 case
 - Unknown- 1 case
- Residents – 3 new cases; Visitors – 0 new cases; Non-Residents – 1 new case; Unknown- 3 new cases.
- Symptomatic – 28.5% of cases; Asymptomatic – 28.5%; Unknown – 43%
- Total active close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine: 96 and new cases are still under investigation
- Newly Recovered- 0
- Currently Hospitalized – 4
- Potential low-risk public exposure locations where close contacts may not have been able to be identified include: No new exposure sites today

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department issued a [Public Health Alert](#) today to inform the community of the increase of cases among the youth and young adults. With the increase, the Health Department partnered with youth in the community to create flyers and distribute them in the community.

“We are happy to partner with the youth leaders to spread the message to the youth and young adults in the community,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “As of the start of this week, Benzie Leelanau has seen nearly 60% of its total cases within the past 4-6 weeks. In order to stay in phase 5 without additional restrictions we need the cooperation and support of all of our community members to follow these mitigation strategies and safety precautions.”

As of 4:00pm, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting:

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 22, Leelanau– 48
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 5, Leelanau– 12
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 72,502 cases and 6,108 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](#). If you have COVID-19 related question, fill out a quick [survey](#), email questions to hotline@bldhd.org, or call our public information line at 231-882-2197.

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