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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

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

- Age:
 - 20-29 years – 1 case
 - 60-69 years – 1 case
- Residents – 2 new cases;
- Symptomatic – 50% of cases; Unknown – 50% of cases
- Potential low-risk public exposure locations where close contacts may not have been able to be identified include:
 - No new exposure sites

Frequently used terms:

- **Quarantine:** The practice of keeping someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others.
- **Isolation:** The practice of separating people infected with the virus (those who are sick with COVID-19 and those with no symptoms) from people who are not infected. People who are in isolation (usually for 10 days) must stay home until it's safe for them to be around others.
- **Active Cases Count:** Individual infected with the virus that has not reached the recovered status.
- **Recovered:** A person is considered recovered 30 days after symptom onset (or test date, if asymptomatic) regardless of the presence of continued symptoms or health complications related to COVID-19.

"We are thankful for the businesses and individuals in our communities who are working hard to do the right things. An effective response to this pandemic relies heavily on individual responsibility and we can only effectively reduce transmission by working together," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Keeping transmission low is our clear focus. We must stay focused on the strategies that aim to contain transmission of COVID-19 in our communities."

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 24, Leelanau– 55
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 5, Leelanau– 12
- Hospitalized: 10 total; 2 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 75,947 cases and 6,148 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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