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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were two new cases of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County and one new case of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County. The investigation of the new cases is in progress. Seven total cases (Leelanau- 5 and Benzie- 2) have been reported since Saturday, July 25th. The information known at this time is below:

- Age:
 - 0-19 years – 2 cases
 - 20-29 years – 2 cases
 - 60-69 years – 1 case
 - 70-79 years – 2 cases
- Residents – 7 new cases
- Symptomatic – 29% of cases; Asymptomatic – 57%; Unknown – 14%
- Newly Recovered- 8; Benzie – 2 and Leelanau – 6
- Potential low-risk public exposure locations for new cases where close contacts may not have been able to be identified include:
 - North Peak Brewery Company (400 W. Front Street, Traverse City, MI)
 - Thursday, July 23rd from 5:30-7pm

If you think you have come in contact with someone with COVID-19, here is some [guidance](#). If you were at these locations during the listed time period or shortly thereafter, you should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days since the possible exposure. 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 COVID19 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 email hotline@bldhd.org.

“We know that there are some asymptomatic cases of COVID-19 that are never identified and that is why it is important to take precautions every time we are out in public,” shared, Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. “No one wants to be responsible for even inadvertently spreading disease to those around us. Using masks is an easy, inexpensive, and effective way we accomplish the goal of staying safe to stay open.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 26, Leelanau– 60
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 7, Leelanau– 18
- Hospitalized: 10 total; 2 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 78,507 cases and 6,154 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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