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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has released a Public Health Alert today to remind residents of the important health and safety precautions we should all be following this holiday weekend and continuing through the busy summer months.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, shared, “we are urging the public to take important safety precautions over the fourth of July weekend, and continuing throughout the busy summer months. Over the past week, we have noted concerning trends surrounding the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, at the local, state, and national level. There is no one safety measure that will fully protect us from COVID-19. Especially during the popular summer holidays, we all must do our part to STAY SAFE TO STAY OPEN.”

As of 2pm today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting total case counts to eight positive cases of COVID-19 in Benzie County and nineteen positive cases of COVID-19 in Leelanau County. Approximately 100 close contacts have been identified as linked to this week’s 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 63,475 cases and 5,966 deaths.

Potential public exposure sites have been identified:

- Cherry Capital Airport (Allegiant Flight #516) Wednesday July 1st, 2020 between 12:45-2pm
 - The airline and airport have procedures in place and have notified staff and close contacts on the flight.
- The Bluebird Restaurant in Leland, Friday, June 26th between 6:00-7:30pm

If you were at either of these locations 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 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 call our COVID information line at 231-882-2197.

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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