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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were 5 new cases of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County and no new cases in Benzie County. The investigation of the new cases is in progress but preliminary information is as follows:

- Age:
 - 0-19 years – 1 case, related to a previously identified case
 - 20-29 years – 1 case
 - 60-69 years – 1 case
 - 80-89 years – 2 cases
- Symptomatic – 100% of cases; Asymptomatic – 0%
- Total close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine: Still under investigation
- Newly Recovered- 1
- Hospitalized – 2 of the cases identified today are currently hospitalized
- Public exposure locations (residents and visitors)
 - No new public exposure locations identified at this time.

The increasing cases in the Traverse City region has moved the risk level of this area from low risk to medium risk. The risk level is determined by the number of cases per million and the percentage of positive tests. The increased risk for a COVID-19 outbreak in this area requires that all skilled long-term care facilities now conduct weekly testing of all residents and staff to ensure that positive cases are quickly identified and isolated. Information on the trends and indicators for risk level can be found at [MI Safe Start Plan](#).

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, shared, “we know that this pandemic response will only be effective if EACH person takes their own responsibility seriously. We have seen how this can quickly deplete a local workforce and cause businesses, who have only recently been able to open, to temporarily close again when they lose staff to quarantine and isolation requirements. We must each do our part. We need the help of our entire community to mitigate the risks and keep transmission low.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 9, Leelanau– 33
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 5, Leelanau– 12

The State of Michigan has reported 67,683 cases and 6,024 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](#) or by calling our public information line 231-882-2197.

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