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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were three new cases of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County. The case investigations are in progress.

Key changes have been made to the definitions of a case and a close contact. The CDC updates these definitions when data becomes available and is significant enough to compel such a change. Changes in definitions include:

Close contact- Adjustment to timeframe for close contact from 10-30 minutes to 15 minutes (does not have to be consecutive minutes).

Symptoms have been updated-

- **ONE of the following:** Shortness of breath, cough, difficulty breathing, and/or loss of taste or smell.
- **OR TWO of the following:** Feverish, chills, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, headache, sore throat, fatigue, and/or muscle aches without another explanation.

“These definitions serve to help us understand who may have COVID and give guidance for seeking testing. We know that it is exhausting to face changing restrictions and to have to think carefully when planning events and gatherings,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “These restrictions and residents doing their part has allowed Michigan to make progress in the fight against COVID-19 and every person needs to remember the importance of their own role within that system – we can’t protect the public without each and every one of you.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 28, Leelanau– 70
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 16, Leelanau– 45
- Hospitalized: 10 total; 0 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 88,756 cases and 6,264 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. 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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