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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

**For Immediate Release**  
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### The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were no new cases of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County or in Benzie County. For protection of privacy we are unable to report details on individual cases however below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the week (8/11-8/14):

- Age:
  - 0-19 years – 2 cases
  - 20-29 years – 2 cases
  - 60-69 years – 1 case
- Residents – 4 new cases; Visitor – 1 new case
- Symptomatic – 80% of cases; Asymptomatic – 20% of cases
- Recovered – 2 new recovered
- Potential low-risk public exposure locations where close contacts may not have been able to be identified include:
  - No new exposure sites

Today Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced a new program in partnership with Ford Motor Company and FEMA called MI Mask Aid Project. This partnership will allow for 4 million masks to be given directly to those who need it most. The masks will be given to local community action agencies, homeless shelters, Native American tribes and agencies, as well as low income schools. If you would like to get one of the free masks, you can contact the state's COVID-19 hotline at 888-535-6136 or the Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency.

“Even though masks and face coverings are required statewide in specific settings, and we know their role in significantly reducing the risk of getting or spreading COVID-19, some people still may not have access to a proper mask or face coverings,” shared Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. “The actions of the State of Michigan, Ford Motor Company, and FEMA are extremely beneficial to our populations most at risk who also may not otherwise have access to a mask or face covering, and for that, we are grateful for this new program in our state.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 31, Leelanau– 69
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 16, Leelanau– 47
- Hospitalized: 11 total; 0 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 91,140 cases and 6,300 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](mailto:hotline@bldhd.org), or call our public information line at 231-882-2197.

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