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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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

Today there was one new case of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County. The case investigation is in progress.

Updated COVID-19 case definitions were recently approved to better define confirmed and probable cases. When determining if a case is considered confirmed or probable, we consider clinical criteria (e.g. symptoms), laboratory criteria (e.g. a COVID-19 test) and epidemiological link (contact or potential for contact with a confirmed or probable case). A confirmed case is someone with a lab confirmed positive test (e.g. a PCR test). A probable case is someone who has symptoms and a link to a confirmed or probable case or has a positive antigen (not PCR) test.

“It has been a long stretch since early March when COVID first showed up in our State,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “It is important to remember all that we have learned and gained throughout the last several months. We have so much more practice and so many more plans in place now that allow us to be better prepared for additional increases in cases.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 34, Leelanau– 71
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 21, Leelanau– 52
- Hospitalized: 13 total; 2 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 93,662 cases and 6,340 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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