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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

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

Governor Whitmer announced today, an additional nearly \$65 million dollar in CARES ACT funding to help support schools with personal protection equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies, mental health services, working to create more childcare available to families, and technology to help close the digital divide like laptops, tablets, and hotspots. School districts will receive funding based on their number of special education students, economically disadvantaged students, and English language learners.

“Our staff at the Health Department are continually assisting school districts in our counties with guidance and support through regular conversations, plan reviews and weekly calls,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We applaud our local school leaders and all school staff who have been working diligently on their “return to school” plans – they are making a concerted and careful effort to ensure both safety and quality education. Families and schools alike have many concerns and we want them to know we are here to support them.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 36, Leelanau– 74
- 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 94,278 cases and 6,349 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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