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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 Benzie County or Leelanau County. The recent case investigations are in progress.

Potential low-risk public exposure locations for new cases where close contacts may not have been able to be identified are listed below. If you were at this location during the times identified, please monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell, fever, muscle aches, sore throat, fatigue, headache, runny nose/congestion, vomiting, diarrhea). If symptoms develop, notify your health care provider or seek out testing.

- Crystal Mountain
  - Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3:30pm

Social gatherings continue to present a high risk of transmission and have been linked to multiple outbreaks of new cases in our counties. It is imperative that everyone attending gatherings take the required safety precautions. Some safety tips for social gathering include

- Individuals from different households should maintain six feet of distance.
- Wear a mask around individuals outside your household
- If indoors, the gathering or event does not exceed 10 people.
- If outdoors, the gathering or event does not exceed 250 people.

“We continue to see trends of younger ages (people under 25) in recent cases that have been linked to social gatherings and food facilities,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “As we have noted many times this summer, our current positive cases have reported many close contacts – some as high as 17-20 per case. It is critical that each person do their part (wearing a mask, social distancing, and washing their hand) to prevent the spread of this illness in our communities.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 36, Leelanau– 74
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 13, Leelanau– 22
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 22, Leelanau– 52
- Hospitalized: 13 total; 2 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 94,697 cases and 6,368 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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