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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 case investigations are in progress. We have been notified of the second death due to COVID-19 in our jurisdiction. The individual was a male resident of Benzie County in his 70's who passed away.

"We must never forget the impact this illness has on those affected and we extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of this individual," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "We need to continue to stay strong as we work together to slow the spread of this disease."

With Michigan Department of Health and Human Services reporting [COVID-19 outbreaks](#), COVID-19 outbreaks are generally defined as two or more cases with a link by place and time indicating a shared exposure outside of a household. MDHHS is reporting new and ongoing outbreaks. New outbreaks are those outbreaks that were first identified during the current reporting week. Ongoing outbreaks are those that had already been identified in previous weeks but have had at least one new associated case reported to the local health department in the last 2 weeks.

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 38, Leelanau– 77
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 12, Leelanau– 18
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 24, Leelanau– 59
- Hospitalized: 15 total; 1 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2

The State of Michigan has reported 98,439 cases and 6,417 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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