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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 investigations are in progress.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, “the MI Safe Start Map Dashboard which monitors the pandemic risk across the state as well as by MERC region and county, the Traverse City Region maintains the lowest risk level of the 8 different regions at a “medium” status. The rest of the state currently remains in a medium-high risk or high-risk category. I find it to be encouraging to remember that although we have remained open at a higher level than the rest of the state in Phase 5, the efforts of our community have allowed us to maintain a medium level of transmission risk.”

Links to resources:
COVID Act Now: is a multidisciplinary team of technologists, epidemiologists, health experts, and public policy leaders working to provide disease intelligence and data analysis on COVID in the U.S.
MI Safe Start Map: Track of risk levels of COVID-19
BLDHD Complaint Form: Quick survey to make complaint.

As of 4:00pm, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting:
• Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 39, Leelanau– 77
• Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 12, Leelanau– 16
• Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 25, Leelanau– 61
• Hospitalized: 15 total; 1 current
• Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2

The State of Michigan has reported 99,200 cases and 6,424 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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