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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. The case investigations are currently in progress. Benzie County decreased by one case due to change in address. Benzie and Leelanau have reported 6 new cases (Leelanau- 2; Benzie- 4) of COVID-19 since Tuesday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the week (8/25-8/28):

- Age:
 - 0-19 years – 1 case
 - 20-29 years – 2 cases
 - 30-39 years – 1 case
 - 40-49 years – 1 case
 - 60-69 years – 1 case
- Residents – 6 new cases
- Symptomatic – 66.7% of cases; Unknown – 33.3% of cases
- Recovered – 4 new recovered (Leelanau- 3, Benzie- 1)
- Potential low-risk public exposure locations where close contacts may not have been able to be identified include:
 - No new exposure sites today

Yesterday, Governor Whitmer signed [Executive Order 2020-172](#) protecting workers who stay home, stay safe when they or their close contacts are sick. This order clarifies and enhances protections for workers who must stay home due to symptoms of COVID-19 without facing repercussions from their employer.

“Currently our emergency response is focused on supporting schools, increasing lab and testing capacity, ensuring adequate case investigation and contact tracing. We are also regularly working to maintain smooth access to information and resources for the community through our website, public health information line, social media outlets, and community networks,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We are so thankful to all of our partners and community members for your patience and support as we continue to strive to meet your needs.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 42, Leelanau– 79
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 15, Leelanau– 17
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 25, Leelanau– 62
- Hospitalized: 15 total; 0 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 0

The State of Michigan has reported 100,699 cases and 6,446 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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