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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there was one new case of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County. The case investigation is in progress.

Today, Governor Whitmer issued an [Executive Order 2020-164](#) that requires face coverings to be worn in all child-care centers and camps. Traverse City Region (Region 6) is currently in Phase 5 of the MI Safe Start Plan. Child-care centers located in Phase 5 regions are excepted and face coverings are not required but are still strongly recommended. Furthermore, face coverings are not required for any child who cannot medically tolerate it, during mealtime, while swimming, during high-intensity activities, outside while physically distanced, or if a child is under the age of 2.

“We want to thank our communities for their steadfast commitment to staying safe together,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Most people and most businesses are really trying hard to do the right thing and are outwardly focused at protecting those around them. Despite the challenges, we are more alike than we are different. All of us just want for life to be normal again and multiple protective steps taken together can help us get there.”

For privacy concerns, we will be releasing details about cases on Mondays and Fridays only. As of 4:00pm, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting:

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 27, Leelanau– 65
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 9, Leelanau– 28
- Hospitalized: 10 total; 0 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 85,429 cases and 6,247 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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