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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. Six total cases (Leelanau- 3; Benzie-3) have been reported since Saturday, September 12th. The information known at this time is below:

- Age:
  - 20-29 years – 1 case
  - 30-39 years – 1 case
  - 60-69 years – 1 case
  - 70-79 years – 1 case
  - 80-89 years – 2 cases
- Residents – 6 new cases
- Symptomatic – 33.3% of cases, Asymptomatic – 66.7% of cases
- Newly Recovered – 9 cases (Leelanau- 4; Benzie- 5)
- No new exposure sites

Today, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) with about 50 other partners launched a new public education campaign to share positive messages and unite all Michiganders. The campaign “Spread Hope, Not COVID” was created based on community survey of over 2,000 residents. The campaign will include mask wearing facts and provide positive messaging to help unite residents to slow down the spread of COVID-19.

“We have expressed many times that we expect to see increases in cases. It is apparent that there is widespread community transmission of COVID-19 across the entire region and that close contact between people results in increased risk,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We can slow the spread COVID-19 but only by layering simple safety precautions like washing your hands, wearing the mask or face covering correctly, and stay six feet away from individual outside your household.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 57, Leelanau– 95
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 21, Leelanau– 22
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 34, Leelanau– 72
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 1
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 4, Leelanau– 9
- Hospitalized: 17 total; 2 current

The State of Michigan has reported 112,612 cases and 6,601 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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