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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 Benzie County and two new cases of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County. Leelanau County had one case decreased due to change in address. Case investigations are in progress.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided some updated guidance for individuals and community who are starting to plan fall and winter activities. The guidance offers strategies to keep COVID-19 risk as low as possible during travel and gatherings to help protect the community. It is important that event organizers and attendees consider the risk of viral spread based on event size and use of mitigation strategies when planning or attending an event.

“Following these mitigation strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19, if everyone does their part,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We absolutely can and must think about our neighbor during this difficult time. Some of us encounter plenty of opportunities to help through our work but all of us have the opportunity to help someone, sometime.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 67, Leelanau– 105
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 26, Leelanau– 21
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 39, Leelanau– 83
- 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; 0 current

The State of Michigan has reported 117,910 cases and 6,680 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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