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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 or Leelanau County.

We have been getting several questions about the differences in case numbers reported between our counties and the state. We are aware of the differences when they arise and are typically related to people traveling between addresses in different counties such as part time residents, seasonal workers, or college students. Occasionally, a lab will report a result in error that eventually require a correction.

“Our staff is working hard to provide accurate and timely data for the community,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Every case is unique and requires a case investigation to determine county of residence and close contacts. Cases might increase and decrease after case investigation, and this fluctuating ebb and flow pattern across the state reminds us that COVID remains in our communities, ready to rise up at any time. The goal of our response is to work to quickly identify and contain these flares before they can erupt into devastating fires.”

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– 25, Leelanau– 19
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 40, Leelanau– 85
- 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 118,615 cases and 6,692 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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