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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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**For Immediate Release**  
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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 and one new case of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County. The case investigations are currently in progress and relevant information will be reported when available.

As many students and teachers begin heading back to school both virtually and in-person, we must be reminded that we will encounter COVID-19 in our school communities. We have been working closely with our local school districts to ensure that all necessary precautions and safety measures are being taken to protect students, staff, and families. Following all of the required and recommended safety precautions such as wearing a mask and regularly washing our hands are our best ways to make this possible.

“Our goal is not to prevent COVID-19 from entering our schools, but rather to work to contain it,” stated Dr. Joshua Meyerson, Medical Director. “We understand that there may be a variety of emotions as students and teachers return to school, but we want to remind everyone that in taking individual responsibility to protect ourselves and our children we are supporting a safe return to school for all.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 45, Leelanau– 88
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 17, Leelanau– 23
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 26, Leelanau– 65
- Hospitalized: 15 total; 0 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 0

The State of Michigan has reported 103,710 cases and 6,509 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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