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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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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 and one new case in Leelanau County. Case investigation and contact tracing are in progress.

We want to remind residents that we can slow the spread of COVID-19 by staying home when sick, masking, distancing, and regularly handwashing or sanitizing. Following these steps can keep each of us healthy and keep our schools and local businesses open. If you choose to get tested for COVID-19, you should be limiting your interactions with others while waiting for your test results and you should not leave home unless for a medical emergency. Please refer to the [MDHHS guidance](#) outlining what you should and should not do if you choose to get tested.

“According to the mistartmap.info website, in Michigan, both positivity rate and new cases remain in a downward trend over at least 1 week,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “The positivity rate in the Traverse City region continues to remain low and the daily cases/million have been generally trending downward since our highest peak in mid-August. These data points show that our efforts are working and the importance of continuing these efforts of wearing a mask, stay six feet away from others outside our household, and washing our hands.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 71, Leelanau– 110
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 24, Leelanau– 22
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 45, Leelanau– 87
- 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 124,687 cases and 6,762 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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