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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 no new cases of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County or Leelanau County. Benzie and Leelanau have reported 10 new cases (Leelanau- 3; Benzie- 7) of COVID-19 since Tuesday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the week (9/1-9/4):

- Age:
  - 0-19 years – 1 case
  - 20-29 years – 1 case
  - 40-49 years – 1 case
  - 50-59 years – 1 case
  - 60-69 years – 3 cases
  - 70-79 years – 2 cases
  - 90+ years – 1 case
- Residents – 6 new cases; Nonresidents – 3 new cases; Unknown – 1 new case
- Symptomatic – 50% of cases; Asymptomatic – 40% of cases; Unknown – 10% of cases
- Recovered – 3 new recovered (Leelanau- 2, Benzie- 1)
- Death – 1 new in Leelanau County
- No new exposure sites today

We have been told that upon notification of a positive COVID-19 test, some individuals have been bullied, shamed, and received negative comments. We hope that anyone involved in those activities will recognize that these types of interactions are counterproductive and can cause more stress and conflict. The majority of residents and businesses are trying to do the right thing when it comes to safety precautions to protect their community while trying to keep their business open and families healthy. This pandemic is difficult for everyone and the best thing we can do is support each other and be kind.

“With the holiday weekend starting, we would like to remind residents and visitors to continue with their safety precautions, like keeping gatherings small, try to gather outside, do not share food or drinks, social distance from non-household members, wash hands frequently, and/or have hand sanitizer,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Lastly, please remember to be kind to everyone and enjoy your holiday weekend.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 50, Leelanau– 88
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 21, Leelanau– 22
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 27, Leelanau– 65
- Hospitalized: 15 total; 0 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 1

The State of Michigan has reported 105,377 cases and 6,526 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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