



**Benzie County Office**  
6051 Frankfort Hwy, Ste 100  
Benzonia, MI 49616

Phone: 231-882-4409  
Fax: 231-882-0143

[www.bldhd.org](http://www.bldhd.org)

**Leelanau County Office**  
7401 E. Duck Lake Rd  
Lake Leelanau, MI 49653

Phone: 231-256-0200  
Fax: 231-882-0143

## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

**For Immediate Release**

**January 4, 2021**

### **The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update**

Today there were eight new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and two new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 74 new cases (Benzie- 43; Leelanau- 31) of COVID-19 since Tuesday, December 29th. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 12/29/2020 -1/4/2021:

- Age:
  - 0-12 years – 3 cases
  - 13-19 years – 5 cases
  - 20-29 years – 9 cases
  - 30-39 years – 12 cases
  - 40-49 years – 9 cases
  - 50-59 years – 15 cases
  - 60-69 years – 11 cases
  - 70-79 years – 6 cases
  - 80-89 years – 3 cases
  - 90+ years – 1 case
- Residents – 100% new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Symptomatic – 91.5% of new cases, Asymptomatic – 8.5% of new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Recovered – 116 new recovered (Benzie-60, Leelanau-56)
- Hospitalization – 6 new reported since last Tuesday
- COVID Associated Deaths – 2 new reported since last Thursday (Benzie-1, 80's, Female; Leelanau-1, 70's, Female)

Starting this week, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department will no longer offer COVID-19 testing at the Benzonia office. Northwest Michigan Health Services Inc (NMHSI) has increased their testing capabilities to offer COVID-19 testing. Full list of [COVID testing locations](#). The Health Department will now be providing more staffing to COVID-19 vaccine planning.

“We are still working with getting Phase 1A groups scheduled and vaccinated. We know residents and businesses are very interested in getting their vaccine, but we also have to wait until the state allocates vaccine for the next group to move us to vaccinating phase 1B,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “This process will take time and patience.”

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 697, Leelanau– 656
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 175, Leelanau– 158
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 495, Leelanau– 490
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 27, Leelanau– 8
- Hospitalized: 95 total; 7 current

The State of Michigan has reported 502,119 cases and 12,678 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.

Media Contact:

Rachel Pomeroy, PIO

231-882-6085

[RPomeroy@bldhd.org](mailto:RPomeroy@bldhd.org)

###