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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

As of 2pm, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting no new positive COVID-19 cases in the Benzie and Leelanau. The Health Department has recorded 65 individuals tested with 22 pending results. Total positive cases- One Leelanau County. The State of Michigan has reported 9,334 cases and 337 deaths.

This morning we held a community conversation with over 75 partners within our two county region to discuss and share response efforts and important information for the public. We need the help of the community including our media and agency partners to continue to share the message to Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives. We remind our residents that this is an order, not a suggestion, and that no one should be leaving home except for essential needs.

Health Officer, Lisa Peacock, shared “As we observe the rise in cases across the state, we are also seeing changes every day here in northern Michigan. We remain laser focused on our goal of “flattening the curve”. Our strategies are aiming toward buying time, reducing transmission, and keeping people out of the hospital. Right now is our opportunity to drastically slow the spread of COVID-19. We can reduce the burden on our health care system to a manageable level and help keep our all Northwest Michigan communities safe and healthy, but it will take a commitment from all of us to work together, wash our hands, **Stay Home, Stay Safe and Save Lives.**

Additional and updated information can be found on our [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) or by calling our public information line 231-882-2197. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has a statewide hotline for COVID-19. Public health and other experts will answer health-related questions about COVID-19. The hotline will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-888-535-6136.

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