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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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### For Immediate Release

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### Mobile COVID-19 Drive-thru Testing Site in Suttons Bay and Benzonia This Weekend

This weekend, Michigan residents will have an opportunity to access drive-thru testing in Benzie and Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is partnering with LynxDx (a private lab based out of Ann Arbor) to administer COVID-19 testing this weekend.

#### What you need to know: Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 3 pm, no appointment needed!

- Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at Suttons Bay High School (310 S Elm St, Suttons Bay, MI 49682)
- Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at Benzie Central High School (9222 Homestead Road, Benzonia, MI 49616).
- The drive-thru testing sites are going to run from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- You must be a Michigan resident, but do not need to reside in Benzie or Leelanau County. Bring your Driver's license or state ID
- Please bring your insurance card. There is no charge to participants for testing. If uninsured you can still be tested and will not be charged
- A doctor's order and appointment are not required.
- You may be tested if you have symptoms, or if you do not have symptoms.

What to expect: When you arrive you will be directed into a line where you will review testing information, consent to testing, provide your identification/insurance information, and then proceed to the testing station. The testing is done through a naso-pharyngeal swab (e.g. through your nose to the back of your throat) and will be performed by health care professionals. You will remain in your car throughout the entire testing process.

Results are expected to take about four days and participants will be notified of results by the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department.

Dr. Meyerson, Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department Medical Director, shares, "from a public health perspective, testing remains very important both to ensure early identification of infected individuals but also so that we can gain as much information as we can about the presence of this illness in our area. We are grateful to be partnering with LynxDX to offer this testing in our communities."

Virtual Media Briefing will be on Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11:30am. To submit questions before hand, <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4xP8m8Tf30ioPI-m-GgVOD9IYy08tIZPlu-IWRyCisdUQ1VUUVIPSIvTDZENec5UTdMTEg1VFhKRS4u>. If you need an invite to this media briefing, please email [rpomeroy@bldhd.org](mailto:rpomeroy@bldhd.org). Media access for filming will be allowed at testing site only on Saturday and Sunday 10:00-10:30am.

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