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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were three new cases of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County and two new cases of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported six new cases (Benzie- 3; Leelanau- 3) of COVID-19 since Saturday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 10/10/2020 -10/12/2020:

- Age:
 - 20-29 years – 3 cases
 - 60-69 years – 1 case
 - 90+ years – 2 cases
- Residents – 6 new case
- Symptomatic – 83.33% of cases, Asymptomatic – 16.67% of cases
- Recovered – 6 new recovered (Benzie-3, Leelanau- 3)
- No new exposure sites

On Friday, October 9th, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon issued [an Emergency Order](#) under section 2253 of the Public Health Code. This order provides additional detail and clarity around the major areas of protection including facial coverings, worker protections, and limits on gathering sizes. The new provisions in the MDHHS orders provide for capacity limits in businesses, masks in childcare centers, added protections for workers, and requirements for contact tracing. The state also released an [infographic](#) and a [fact sheet](#) to provide a better understanding of the latest orders.

“One thing we know for sure is that the last few weeks have been a roller coaster with all the new changes. Without a vaccine or a cure, there are only so many tools available to us to fight COVID-19,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “What is important now is to remain calm and focused on continuing to protect our communities and each other by following these safety precautions including wearing face coverings, stay 6 feet away from others outside your household, staying home when you are sick, and washing your hands.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 82, Leelanau– 117
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 25, Leelanau– 21
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 55, Leelanau– 95
- 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: 18 total; 1 current

The State of Michigan has reported 136,465 cases and 6,898 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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