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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

**For Immediate Release**

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

Today there were two new cases of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County and two new cases of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County.

In a unified effort to make COVID-19 testing more accessible to our region, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department, Grand Traverse County Health Department, and Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians are joining forces along with the Michigan National Guard to offer no-cost, drive-thru COVID-19 testing to the public next week. [For more details.](#)

Yesterday, State and local public health officials unite as state is seeing an increase in positivity rate in addition to more residents being hospitalized compared to previous weeks. Currently, Michigan has 89 daily cases per million people, 3.6 percent of tests are positive and there are 698 COVID-19 hospitalizations, an increase compared to the same point last week when the state reported 81.6 daily cases per million people, 3.4 percent positivity and 586 hospitalizations for COVID-19. Locally cases are remaining fairly steady and the percent positivity rate now at 2.4% remains low but shows an increase from last week.

“As we monitor the pandemic risk indicators on the [mistartmap.info](http://mistartmap.info) website, it is important to note that since mid-September, Michigan’s daily cases/million has remained above a level not seen since early May around 82,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “In the Traverse City Region, cases are remaining fairly steady at the risk level B-C and the positivity rate at 2.4% remains low but has been rising for a week. While these numbers vary from county to county there continue to be counties with case and/or positivity rates higher than the region each week. It is important to remember that this situation continues to change every day and therefore can evolve rapidly.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 84, Leelanau– 119
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 25, Leelanau– 23
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 57, Leelanau– 95
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 1
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 5, Leelanau– 10
- Hospitalized: 19 total; 2 current

The State of Michigan has reported 139,061 cases and 6,941 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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