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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 one new case of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County.

Yesterday, the Director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity issued emergency rules to establish requirements for employers to control, prevent, and mitigate the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) among employees. The emergency rules align closely with the Governor's Executive Order 184- safe guards for employees, which is now rescinded. These emergency rules were released to protect businesses and their staff.

"We need to remember that we approached this pandemic in March with a collective goal to "flatten the curve" and protect the hospital systems and we did! We are now approaching a new stage – a rise in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths as we enter flu season," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "It is more important than ever to stand together against this virus so that we can protect the vulnerable, protect the healthcare systems, and help our children continue to receive the highest quality education in person. Continuing to live as we have been for a while longer seems difficult, but it also seems like a small price to pay to avoid returning to where we started."

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 87, Leelanau– 120
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 28, Leelanau– 18
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 57, Leelanau– 101
- 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 141,091 cases and 6,973 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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