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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there was one new case 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 eleven new cases (Benzie- 6; Leelanau- 5) of COVID-19 since Tuesday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 10/13/2020 -10/16/2020:

- Age:
 - 13-19 years – 1 case
 - 30-39 years – 1 case
 - 40-49 years – 2 cases
 - 50-59 years – 1 case
 - 60-69 years – 5 cases
 - 80-89 years – 1 case
- Residents – 11 new cases
- Symptomatic – 71.4% of cases, Asymptomatic – 28.5% of cases that have been completed
- Recovered – 16 new recovered (Benzie-10, Leelanau- 6)
- No new exposure sites

Regular and quick access to testing remains a top priority as we have started to see increases in cases and hospitalizations in Michigan. We are lucky to have great community partners to help reach areas where testing is scarce. Next week, we are providing two drive-thru testing opportunities for Michigan residents in partnership with the National Guard and local partners such as the Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore, Crystal Mountain, and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. [More information here.](#)

"Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is partnering with the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department and participating in this vital community testing opportunity because the health and safety of those who visit and work in national parks remains our top priority," stated Scott Tucker, Superintendent, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 88, Leelanau– 122
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 21, Leelanau– 20
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 65, 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; 1 current

The State of Michigan has reported 143,106 cases and 6,987 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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