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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported nine new cases (Benzie- 3; Leelanau- 6) of COVID-19 since Saturday. We will now only be reporting new cases Monday-Friday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 10/17/2020 -10/19/2020:

- Age:
 - 20-29 years – 3 cases
 - 30-39 years – 1 case
 - 40-49 years – 2 cases
 - 60-69 years – 2 cases
 - 80-89 years – 1 case
- Residents – 9 new cases
- Symptomatic – 100% of cases that case investigation have been completed
- Recovered – 2 new recovered (Benzie-1, Leelanau- 1)
- Probable cases – 4 new probable cases (Benzie-2, Leelanau- 2)
- No new exposure sites

The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) released emergency rules last week to implement workplace safeguards for all businesses. MIOSHA has released specific requirements for different sectors. These rules took place on October 14, 2020 and remain in effect for six months.

“It is important to remember that this situation continues to change every day and therefore can evolve rapidly. The pattern of our curve in the Traverse City Region shows that we had a rise in cases in mid-July, another in mid-August and now again in mid-October. We learn more about this virus each day but it is increasingly clear that we must continue to be diligent in protecting those around us. Please stay home if you aren’t feeling well, seek testing if you have symptoms of COVID-19, and if you go out please carefully observe masking and distancing requirements”, stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer.

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 91, Leelanau– 128
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 23, Leelanau– 25
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 66, Leelanau– 102
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 1
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 7, Leelanau– 12
- Hospitalized: 20 total; 2 current

The State of Michigan has reported 147,806 cases and 7,031 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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