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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were no new cases of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County or Leelanau County. Benzie and Leelanau have reported 4 new cases (Leelanau- 3; Benzie- 1) of COVID-19 since Tuesday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the week (9/29-10/2):

- Age:
 - 20-29 years – 2 cases
 - 40-49 years – 1 case
 - 70-79 years – 1 case
- Residents – 4 new cases
- Symptomatic – 75% of cases, Asymptomatic– 25% of cases
- Recovered – 8 new recovered (Leelanau-2, Benzie-6)
- No new exposure sites today

With the Governor's [Executive Order 183](#) issued last week that takes effect on October 9th, the restrictions on gatherings and events have loosened which allows for more people to gather. In our region 6, residential indoor gathering and events are still limited to 10 or fewer people and non-residential indoor gatherings are limited to 25% of seating capacity or 25 people per 1,000 sq feet of the venue space. Outdoor settings are limited to 30% of seat capacity or 30 people per 1,000 square feet of event space.

We have been receiving a number of questions about where testing is available around the region. Here is an updated list of [COVID-19 testing sites](#).

"It is a time to be patient with each other and to remember that there are better days ahead," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "We need to keep asking ourselves, what can we take with us from this experience that will make our tomorrows even better? Together, our communities will build strength and resilience!"

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 72, Leelanau– 110
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 20, Leelanau– 20
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 50, Leelanau– 89
- 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: 17 total; 0 current

The State of Michigan has reported 126,358 cases and 6,788 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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