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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 one new case of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County. Benzie and Leelanau have reported 7 new cases (Leelanau- 1; Benzie- 6) of COVID-19 since Tuesday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the week (10/6-10/9):

- Age:
 - 30-39 years – 1 case
 - 40-49 years – 1 case
 - 60-69 years – 2 cases
 - 70-79 years – 2 cases
 - 80-89 years – 1 case
- Residents – 4 new cases
- Symptomatic – 71.4% of cases, Asymptomatic– 14.3% of cases for which case investigations are complete
- Recovered – 2 new recovered (Leelanau-2)
- No new exposure sites today

The Michigan Department of Human and Health Services has changed how they are reporting COVID-19 cases on their [website](#). They are still reporting the total number of cases in each county but have also begun reporting the by cases per million which allows for better comparison between counties, regions, and the state.

“While our cases and positivity rate are currently low and our hospital capacity continues to be manageable, we will continue to carefully watch for change in risk while we evaluate additional orders and direction from State authorities. We have come so far together, and our region has remained open at the highest level in the state throughout the summer and fall. We should recognize that this can only happen with widespread cooperation and respect for the safety measures that have protected us all,” 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– 79, Leelanau– 114
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 25, Leelanau– 21
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 52, Leelanau– 92
- 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: 18 total; 1 current

The State of Michigan has reported 133,134 cases and 6,876 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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