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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were eight new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and two new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 75 new cases (Benzie- 39; Leelanau- 36) of COVID-19 from Monday to today. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 11/16/2020 -11/20/2020:

- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 0 case
 - 13-19 years – 3 cases
 - 20-29 years – 4 cases
 - 30-39 years – 13 cases
 - 40-49 years – 8 cases
 - 50-59 years – 12 cases
 - 60-69 years – 12 cases
 - 70-79 years – 9 cases
 - 80-89 years – 10 case
 - 90+ years – 4 cases
- Residents – 100% new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Symptomatic – 88% of new cases, Asymptomatic – 12% of new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Recovered – 14 new recovered (Benzie-9, Leelanau-5)
- Hospitalization- 11 new reported this week
- Death- 1 new reported in Benzie this week.
- Probable Cases – 18 new recovered (Benzie-10, Leelanau-8)

Yesterday the CDC released [Thanksgiving guidance and considerations](#). We know that businesses and the education of our young people are essential for the wellbeing of the community. Schools and businesses that have been strictly adhering to state and local guidance have demonstrated the ability to maintain lower risk environments. We encourage the support of local businesses but suggest pickup and delivery whenever possible, and time spent shopping or otherwise inside indoor public spaces should be minimized. We continue to urge residents to follow the general precautions of facial covering use, social distancing, and good hygiene. By following these simple guidelines, the risk for spreading COVID-19 lowers significantly, protecting everyone who lives, works, and plays in beautiful northern Michigan.

“When community transmission is this widespread, public health and health systems have to regroup and revise our strategies to be most effective,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “For weeks public health officials have been imploring everyone to follow the necessary precautions of wearing masks, keeping distance, and limiting gatherings. As we approach the holiday, we hope that this “pause” will make a difference in the current COVID trends.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 246, Leelanau– 291
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 136, Leelanau– 153
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 106, Leelanau– 136
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 4, Leelanau– 2
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 30, Leelanau– 28
- Hospitalized: 39 total; 9 current

The State of Michigan has reported 295,177 cases and 8,377 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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