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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were six new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and five new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 65 new cases (Benzie- 40; Leelanau- 25) of COVID-19 since Saturday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 11/21/2020 -11/23/2020:

- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 4 cases
 - 13-19 years – 6 cases
 - 20-29 years – 9 cases
 - 30-39 years – 8 cases
 - 40-49 years – 7 cases
 - 50-59 years – 11 cases
 - 60-69 years – 14 cases
 - 70-79 years – 1 case
 - 80-89 years – 3 cases
 - 90+ years – 1 case
- Residents – 100% new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Symptomatic – 97.9% of new cases, Asymptomatic – 2.1% of new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Recovered – 15 new recovered (Benzie-7, Leelanau-8)
- Hospitalization- 7 new reported over the weekend
- Death- 2 new reported (Leelanau- 1 new- 30's, female, Benzie-1 new-70's, male)
- Probable Cases – 7 new recovered (Benzie-7)
- Case Transferred to another county's justification– 3 cases (Benzie-2. Leelanau-1)

Today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department released a new [Public Health Advisory](#) which reinforces the importance of important safety precautions, many of which have been outlined in the latest MDHHS epidemic order. It is critical for the protection of our healthcare systems and our vulnerable residents that we as a community attempt to curb the disturbing COVID-19 trends. Benzie and Leelanau Counties have seen a nearly 6-fold increase in new daily cases compared to September and over 300 new cases in November alone.

"The restrictions in this most recent order were informed by data collected through case and outbreak investigations conducted across the state and therefore the goal of this targeted approach is to see a change in the direction of the disturbing trends in pandemic indicators. It is our fervent hope that this "pause" will make a difference," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Today we released a local public health advisory to reiterate the importance of the latest emergency orders from MDHHS. We have slowed the spread of COVID-19 once before, and we know that taking the appropriate steps now will help us to again slow and prevent further spread."

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 284, Leelanau– 315
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 166, Leelanau– 168
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 113, Leelanau– 144
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 5, Leelanau– 3
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 37, Leelanau– 28
- Hospitalized: 46 total; 14 current

The State of Michigan has reported 314,216 cases and 8,543 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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