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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were nine 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 26 new cases (Benzie- 17; Leelanau- 9) of COVID-19 for Tuesday and Wednesday. Case summaries will be reported Monday for new cases after today. The Health Department will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving, and no case investigations will be conducted on Thursday but will continue daily after that.

Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 11/24/2020 -11/25/2020:

- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 0 cases
 - 13-19 years – 0 cases
 - 20-29 years – 5 cases
 - 30-39 years – 6 cases
 - 40-49 years – 3 case
 - 50-59 years – 1 case
 - 60-69 years – 7 cases
 - 70-79 years – 3 cases
 - 80-89 years – 1 case
 - 90+ years – 0 cases
- Residents – 100% new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Symptomatic – 93.75% of new cases, Asymptomatic – 6.25% of new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Recovered – 13 new recovered (Benzie-6, Leelanau-7)
- Hospitalization- 1 new reported
- Probable Cases – 7 new recovered (Benzie-1, Leelanau-6)

The Health Department is reporting 14 confirmed positive cases from last week’s testing site at the Sleeping Bear Dune National Lakeshore Dune climb. The breakdown includes seven new cases in our jurisdiction and seven from other counties. Not all test results are completed yet, so if you are still waiting or have not seen your results yet. [Here](#) are the instructions to the portal.

As cases of COVID-19 continue to increase rapidly across the United States, the safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving is at home with the people you live with. Gatherings with family and friends who do not live with you can increase the chances of getting or spreading COVID-19 or the flu. If you are expecting guests at your home, limit the number of guests to 10 or less and no more than 2 households as currently required in Michigan, have conversations with guests ahead of time to set expectations for celebrating together, and clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. Everyone can make Thanksgiving safer by wearing a mask and staying at least 6 feet from others who do not live with you. For more tips on making [Thanksgiving safer](#), see guidance from the [CDC](#), [MDHHS](#), and in our [Public Health Advisory](#).

“While these gatherings may have been held outdoors during the warm weather months, they are now being held within homes or other indoor settings, increasing the risk for even small groups of people,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Often the risk is exacerbated because precautions like masks and distancing are not observed in these small and intimate groups that are generally perceived as safe.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 301, Leelanau– 324
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 177, Leelanau– 170
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 119, Leelanau– 151
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 5, Leelanau– 3
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 38, Leelanau– 29
- Hospitalized: 47 total; 14 current

The State of Michigan has reported 324,779 cases and 8,761 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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