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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were three new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie and one new case of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. Case investigations are currently in progress.

Many of our recent cases have been tied to social gatherings of any size. With no known source of exposure and therefore community spread evident, we must all remain vigilant and follow mitigation measures any time we leave our home. [When socializing with friends or family:](#)

- Get together outside whenever possible. Risk of transmission is increased when indoors.
- If you do get together inside, include no more than two households and never more than 10 people.
- If you feel sick, do not attend any gatherings.
- Wear a mask, removing only to eat and drink.
- Social distance away from others.

“We have been noticing an increase in cases associated with social gatherings and with the cold weather approaching, we know gatherings may move inside, which naturally increases risk,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “When socializing with friends and family take proper precautions like wearing a mask, staying home if you feel sick, social distance, and wash your hands to keep everyone safe.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 143, Leelanau– 161
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 62, Leelanau– 46
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 79, Leelanau– 113
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 2
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 10, Leelanau– 19
- Hospitalized: 26 total; 4 current

The State of Michigan has reported 187,995 cases and 7,400 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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