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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 County and four new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. Case investigations are currently in progress. Leelanau County decreased by one case due to a case that was moved to another county's jurisdiction. Benzie County has reported one new death of a female resident in her 70's.

"We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of this individual and we must never forget the impact this illness has on those affected. We need to continue to stay strong as we work together to slow the spread of this disease," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer.

A case is reported in our case count and daily update if we receive a positive COVID-19 test result prior to 3 pm that day. Once we receive positive results, our staff works to initiate contact with the confirmed case within 24 hours to begin case investigation and contact tracing. For this reason, a case may be counted in our case counts on a Monday, but their case summary will not be included until a health department employee is able to make contact with them and complete their case investigation. This may take a day or two and cause the case investigation summary to be shared a day or two after the positive case was initially reported.

We are aware that on occasion there are differences in reporting between the state and local health departments, which is usually due to people traveling between addresses in different counties such as part-time residents, seasonal workers, or college students. Occasionally, a lab will report a result in an error that eventually requires a correction.

"Our top priority is to release accurate and timely information to the public to help slow/stop the spread of COVID-19 and this is possible through contract tracing," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Contact tracing provides us with critical information about how the virus is spreading in our community. If you get tested for COVID-19, please be prepared to stay home until the results come back and to answer or return a call as soon as possible from our health department should you test positive."

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 148, Leelanau– 172
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 66, Leelanau– 57
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 79, Leelanau– 113
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 3, Leelanau– 2
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 17, Leelanau– 20
- Hospitalized: 27 total; 3 current

The State of Michigan has reported 197,806 cases and 7,410 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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