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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 nine new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 100 new cases (Benzie- 48; Leelanau- 52) of COVID-19 since Tuesday. Today, four COVID cases were transferred to another county's jurisdiction. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 12/8/2020 -12/11/2020:

- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 2 cases
 - 13-19 years – 5 cases
 - 20-29 years – 13 cases
 - 30-39 years – 13 cases
 - 40-49 years – 8 cases
 - 50-59 years – 17 cases
 - 60-69 years – 18 cases
 - 70-79 years – 13 cases
 - 80-89 years – 6 cases
 - 90+ years – 5 cases
- Residents – 100% new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Symptomatic – 91.2% of new cases, Asymptomatic – 8.8% of new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Recovered – 62 new recovered (Benzie-36, Leelanau-26)
- Hospitalization- 5 new reported this week
- COVID associated Death- four new in Benzie reported earlier this week
- Case transfer- nine cases was transferred to another county's jurisdiction

Today, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services created a [website](#) about the COVID vaccine and released [frequently asked questions](#) sheet about the COVID vaccine. Michigan is expecting to receive vaccine by mid-December and distribute the vaccine according a [phased approach](#). The COVID vaccine went through a [safety process](#) to become the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved.

“Hope is on the way and our planning for vaccine distribution continues each day,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We are adding staff, establishing cold storage and transport plans, and scouting community sites to vaccinate both small and large groups safely. It is our goal to be able to reprioritize and pivot quickly when that time comes so that we can maintain smooth continuity of public health services while we accomplish this important goal.”

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 540, Leelanau– 497
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 284, Leelanau– 216
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 244, Leelanau– 278
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 12, Leelanau– 3
- Hospitalized: 68 total; 9 current

The State of Michigan has reported 426,294 cases and 10,456 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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