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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

**For Immediate Release**  
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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 seven new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. Two cases were moved to another county's jurisdiction.

Today, Governor Whitmer and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) launched a new campaign called [Mask up, Mask Right](#). This campaign encourages individuals to wear a mask while targeting how to properly wear those masks. Masks should be worn properly every time you are around someone outside your household. Properly wearing your mask includes covering both the mouth and nose.

"With the holiday season arriving, we are hopeful that community members continue being diligent, taking the safety precautions required by the Epidemic Order preventing the types of gatherings that typically lead to these increases in cases," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "For now, masking up and continuing to stay 6 feet from others are our best chances to avoid bringing the virus home, to keep our schools and workplaces open, and contain COVID-19."

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 568, Leelanau– 531
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 285, Leelanau– 217
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 270, Leelanau– 311
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 13, Leelanau– 3
- Hospitalized: 72 total; 8 current

The State of Michigan has reported 442,715 cases and 10,935 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](mailto:hotline@bldhd.org), or call our public information line at 231-882-2197.

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