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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were six new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and one new case of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. Benzie County is reporting two new COVID associated deaths, one female and one male resident both in their 80's. Benzie and Leelanau County each decreased one case due to case transfers.

With COVID hospitalizations increasing, it is especially important this year to receive the flu vaccine and encourage family members and community members to do the same. Free flu shots will be available (serving ages 2 years old and up and no appointment needed) at two upcoming drive-through clinics this week:

- Tomorrow, Wednesday, 12/02/2020- Leland Fire Department from 11am-3pm
- Thursday, 12/03/2020- United Methodist Church Community Center in Lake Ann from 11am-3pm

"Locally, we have experienced large increases in cases in our counties in November," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Benzie and Leelanau Counties together reported over 420 new cases, 27 new hospitalizations, and 5 new deaths in November. We urge all residents and businesses to follow all safety precautions in our advisory as we know that failure to do so will perpetuate the spread of COVID-19 and cause prolonged harm to people and businesses. Our hope is that by residents and local businesses continuing to follow these simple guidelines, the risk for spreading COVID-19 lowers significantly."

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 370, Leelanau– 346
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 219, Leelanau– 166
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 143, Leelanau– 177
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 8, Leelanau– 3
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 49, Leelanau– 30
- Hospitalized: 56 total; 12 current

The State of Michigan has reported 366,242 cases and 9,324 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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