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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 seven new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and seven new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. New cases are currently being investigated.

As of tomorrow, our reporting of COVID-19 cases to the public will be changing to minimize confusion and to better align with reporting on the [MI Safe Start Dashboard](#) where pandemic risk indicators are typically calculated using the combined number of confirmed and probable cases. A probable case is defined as either an individual who has been epidemiologically linked with a positive case and has developed symptoms, or someone who has received a positive antigen test result. Many of these probable cases are tested and become confirmed cases and it becomes difficult to represent this information clearly on our website.

“We want to minimize confusion for the public and better align with other dashboards and resources, since we treat all of these as positive we will be displaying probable and confirmed cases together starting tomorrow,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Our team continues to work as quickly as possible to meet the case investigation demand that comes with increased cases in our jurisdiction. We continue to urge the community to follow safety precautions like hand washing, maintain 6 feet from others outside your household, and limit gatherings to help curb the COVID spread.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 377, Leelanau– 353
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 218, Leelanau– 165
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 151, Leelanau– 185
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 8, Leelanau– 3
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 56, Leelanau– 40
- Hospitalized: 56 total; 12 current

The State of Michigan has reported 373,197 cases and 9,405 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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