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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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### **The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update**

Today there were 22 new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and 14 new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 131 new cases (Benzie- 73; Leelanau- 58) of COVID-19 since Monday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 12/1/2020 - 12/4/2020:

- Age:
  - 0-12 years – 7 case
  - 13-19 years – 7 cases
  - 20-29 years – 14 cases
  - 30-39 years – 14 cases
  - 40-49 years – 11 cases
  - 50-59 years – 21 cases
  - 60-69 years – 26 cases
  - 70-79 years – 21 cases
  - 80-89 years – 7 cases
  - 90+ years – 2 cases
- Residents – 100% new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Symptomatic – 95% of new cases, Asymptomatic – 5% of new cases that case investigations have been completed
- Recovered – 66 new recovered (Benzie-23, Leelanau-43)
- Hospitalization- 11 new reported this week
- COVID associated Death- 2 new in Benzie reported earlier this week
- Case transfer- 1 case was transferred to another county's jurisdiction

There is also news coming each day about the COVID vaccines which are around the corner. The state and local health departments continue planning together so that we will be ready to move forward with implementation of our vaccination plans as soon as possible when they become available. The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice met on Tuesday to make recommendations on vaccine prioritization groups which we know will initially include healthcare workers who provide direct care such as hospital and EMS personnel and long-term care residents and staff.

“Our primary concern is the health and well-being of our residents and communities as we are seeing an increase in cases,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We are asking residents to stay home if they are not feeling well and follow all precautions to help slow the spread of COVID. We understand that this is a difficult time but encourage everyone to take the steps they can take.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 481, Leelanau– 435
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 293, Leelanau– 201
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 180, Leelanau– 231
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 8, Leelanau– 3
- Hospitalized: 62 total; 12 current

The State of Michigan has reported 389,032 cases and 9,661 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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