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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were no new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and six new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 28 new cases (Benzie- 11; Leelanau- 17) of COVID-19 since Friday (Saturday- 14, Sunday- 8, Monday- 6). Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 12/5/2020 -12/7/2020:

- Age:
 - 0-12 years – 1 case
 - 13-19 years – 1 case
 - 20-29 years – 2 cases
 - 30-39 years – 4 cases
 - 40-49 years – 3 cases
 - 50-59 years – 4 cases
 - 60-69 years – 4 cases
 - 70-79 years – 4 cases
 - 80-89 years – 5 cases
 - 90+ years – 0 cases
- Recovered – 49 new recovered (Benzie-28, Leelanau-21)
- Hospitalization – one new hospitalization

Today, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) extended [the epidemic order](#) that restricts indoor social gatherings and other group activities by 12 days. This additional time will allow the department to determine the full impact of the Thanksgiving holiday on the spread of COVID-19 across Michigan. MDHHS also [identified three key metrics](#) that will be utilized in determining whether to slowly reopen at the end of the 12 days. The state also shared guidance for [safer social gatherings](#), and an [infographic](#) to show what is currently open and closed with this order.

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department, Honu Labs, and United Methodist Church in Lake Ann are joining forces to offer no-cost, drive-thru COVID-19 testing to the public Friday, December 11th, 2020. Testing will be held at the United Methodist Church Community Center (19900 first St, Lake Ann, MI 49650) from 10:00am to 2pm. Pre-registration is highly recommended to reduce time spent at the testing site and getting the results back. QR code is will be shared when available.

“We are excited to provide additional access to COVID testing in Benzie County this week,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Testing is one of our most important tools as it is critical for those with COVID to be quickly identified and isolated to reduce the risk of further spread.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 492, Leelanau– 452
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 276, Leelanau– 197
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 208, Leelanau– 252
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 8, Leelanau– 3
- Hospitalized: 63 total; 8 current

The State of Michigan has reported 404,386 cases and 9,947 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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