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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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

Today there were four new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and five new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. One Leelanau case was transferred to another county due to an address change.

Within the past week, we have reported 48 COVID-19 cases within the jurisdiction of the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department. As of yesterday, we have reported more than 1,900 cases since March 16, 2020, in Benzie and Leelanau counties.

“Across the northern region, we are seeing increased cases and outbreaks that are approaching or exceeding levels we haven’t seen since last fall. It is concerning and sends a message that we need to be vigilant to slow the spread of this virus,” said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “As health professionals, we are making every effort to get people fully vaccinated but all of us have the responsibility to keep up our end of the bargain and take precautionary measures to stop this virus. Now is not the time for us to let down our guard.”

Today we are reporting March’s case investigation information for 134 COVID-19 cases. The following information is from cases reported March 1 – March 24.

- Age:
  - 0-12 years – 1 case
  - 13-19 years – 23 cases
  - 20-29 years – 10 cases
  - 30-39 years – 19 cases
  - 40-49 years – 20 cases
  - 50-59 years – 28 cases
  - 60-69 years – 22 cases
  - 70-79 years – 7 cases
  - 80-89 years – 3 cases
  - 90-99 years – 0 cases
- Symptomatic: 117 cases; Asymptomatic: 11 cases; Unknown at the time of this report: 5 cases
- 24 cases associated with known nine different outbreaks.
- 6 cases are currently or were hospitalized.
- One COVID-19 associated death reported in March.

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

- Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 945, Leelanau– 968
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 55, Leelanau– 88
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 859, Leelanau– 865
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 31, Leelanau– 15
- Hospitalized: 136 total; 1 currently

The State of Michigan has reported 637,645 cases and 15,935 deaths.

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