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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Like the Governor, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has re-issued our Public Health Emergency Order through April 30th, 2020 at 11:59 pm to ensure the safety of our residents and critical infrastructure workers. Please find the new Public Health Emergency Order 2020-2 attached [here](#) and replace all copies of 2020-1 with this updated document.

We would also like to remind the community to continue to follow social distancing measures set in place, and to ONLY leave the house for urgent or essential needs or to provide essential services. We understand that it is difficult to maintain limited contact to only those within the household, especially during a holiday weekend, but it is this continued effort that will reduce the risk of getting or spreading the virus.

To stay connected and celebrate the holiday weekend, call friends and family to check in. If the technology is available to you, schedule time for video calling to enjoy the company of one another, to virtually have your meal together, or play a game while continuing to follow the social distancing guidelines.

“We miss our families, we miss our friends. However, we know that it is likely the more compliant we can be, the more likely we will be able to enjoy each other’s physical presence again soon,” Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, stated. “We must stay strong together and believe that this is working. The most important protection we can each provide for ourselves and for our families is to Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives!”

As of 2pm today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting no additional cases of COVID-19 cases. That leaves the count at zero in Benzie County and four in Leelanau County (one recovered). The Health Department has recorded 96 individuals tested with 20 pending results. The State of Michigan has reported 22,783 cases and 1,281 deaths.

Additional and updated information can be found on our [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) or by calling our public information line 231-882-2197. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has a statewide hotline for COVID-19. Public health and other experts will answer health-related questions about COVID-19. The hotline will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-888-535-6136. The MDHHS has created a COVID-19 support line that will be open seven days a week 1-800-985-5990.

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