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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Benzie Leelanau District Health Department was notified of a new positive case who had traveled just prior to symptom onset. The individual flew into Traverse City Capitol Airport from Chicago O’Hare on United Airlines Flight UA4132 on April 14, 2020, arriving at Cherry Capitol Airport at approximately 9:30 pm. The traveler did not go to any other public establishments after arrival and is recuperating at a residence. Close contacts have been identified and are quarantined and being monitored for symptoms. Individuals who are concerned that they may have been exposed during the flight or at the airport should monitor for symptoms of infection through Tuesday, April 28 and contact their health care provider or their local health department if symptoms develop. Signs of COVID-19 infection may include fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, diarrhea, or changes in sense of smell and taste.

“We appreciate the cooperation of all who test positive for COVID-19 in assisting us with the identification of anyone else at risk for significant exposure so that we can promptly contact them and minimize further spread. We hope this individual has a full recovery and continue to remind all residents of the importance of staying home and wearing face coverings for any essential errands”, said Dr. Joshua Meyerson, Medical Director of the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department.

Total case counts for today include four positive cases in Benzie County and nine positive cases in Leelanau County. 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.

We appreciate the dedication of all critical infrastructure workers – please join us in protecting them by staying home, only leaving for essential needs when absolutely necessary.

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