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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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

Today there were three new cases of COVID-19 reported in Benzie County and four new cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has reported 36 new cases – 13 new cases in Benzie County and 23 new cases in Leelanau County - of COVID-19 since Friday, April 2nd. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the timeframe 4/2/2021-4/5/2021:

• Age:

- 0-12 years – 3 cases
- 13-19 years – 4 cases
- 20-29 years – 8 cases
- 30-39 years – 4 cases
- 40-49 years – 7 cases
- 50-59 years – 6 cases
- 60-69 years – 1 case
- 70-79 years – 2 cases
- 80-89 years – 1 case
- 90+ years – 0 cases

Health Department and school officials are urging area residents to get tested for COVID-19 upon returning from Spring Break to help slow the spread of the virus across northern Michigan. Unfortunately, COVID-19 cases are rising across the region and the state with illness and hospitalizations spiking, too.

Due to increasing cases and a growing number of variant cases in Michigan, effective today, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is reinstating the standard 14-day quarantine for close contacts of COVID-19 cases. This will remove the option of a 10-day quarantine for non-variant cases. As a reminder, a negative test result to “test out of quarantine” has never been adopted in the State of Michigan. Guidance will be updated at [www.michigan.gov/containcovid](http://www.michigan.gov/containcovid).

Students and families traveling across Michigan, to other states or out of the country risk being exposed to and carrying COVID-19 with them. This in turn could fuel outbreaks within their households and the communities where they live or visit.

Residents should get tested 3-5 days after returning from travel, and those who chose not to be tested should stay home for 10 days. Whether or not you and your family get tested, you should avoid being around people of increased risk for severe illness for 14 days. If you know you have been in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case, you should quarantine the full 14 days since your last exposure.

After citing the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov) and the [Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department's](https://www.bldhd.org) recommendations for after travel, health officials urged those families who, for whatever reason, are not able to follow those recommendations to keep their student home if they have any signs of illness. Additionally, we urged everyone to avoid gathering with other households for 7-10 days.

As of today, here is where we are currently:

- Number of vaccine doses allocated for this week: 1,310 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses distributed to other providers: 734 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses administered: 11,316 doses.
- Total number of vaccine doses received: 13,382 doses.

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

Total COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 994, Leelanau– 1,025

Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 86, Leelanau– 111

Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 877, Leelanau– 898

Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 31, Leelanau– 16

Hospitalized: 136 total; 0 currently

The State of Michigan has reported 692,206 cases and 16,218 deaths.

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