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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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

As of 2pm today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting one additional cases of COVID-19 cases in Leelanau County; one male currently hospitalized and investigation is on-going. Which leaves the count at zero in Benzie County and three in Leelanau County (one recovered). The Health Department has recorded 83 individuals tested with 10 pending results. The State of Michigan has reported 18,970 cases and 845 deaths.

It's National Public Health Week! The work that public health professionals do on a daily basis largely goes unnoticed. The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly shed light on the importance of public health. The Benzie Leelanau District Health Department is working to protect the public through activities such as:

- sharing information to ensure that people know what to do and how to do it.
- partnering with the healthcare systems and providers to ensure those who need testing or care can get it.
- identifying the ill and exposed and working with them to determine who else might spread the disease further and contain it.
- continuing to maintain critical services for the vulnerable people that we can't forget.

Our Incident Command Team and many employees within the agency have shifted out of their normal responsibilities to focus on the emergency response to COVID-19 and is meeting daily to ensure all of these complex needs are being met through the teams of staff who are all working within familiar and some unfamiliar roles!

Health Officer, Lisa Peacock, states, "I am so proud of our public health staff – they are truly the first line of defense in this emergency response, always working to protect the health of the entire community!"

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services recommends that Michiganders wear a handmade face covering when outside of their home to help stop the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Face Coverings and Face Masks recommendations. [Frequently Asked Questions about face coverings/mask.](#)

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.

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