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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department's Public Health Order 2020-4 expires at 11:59pm tonight, we have decided not to renew the Public Health Order. These orders were issued to protect critical infrastructure workers and the public at the height of this epidemic in our state and region and subsequent Executive Orders issued by the Governor have now incorporated many of these and additional protections. We will continue to monitor the changing requirements and support our communities in the implementation of best practices in protective measures.

"As we're now in phase 3 of the Governor's MI Safe Start Plan which still requires us to mostly Stay Safer at Home, we now have some information which helps us understand future phases. As we carefully navigate the changes ahead, I hope that we can continue to prioritize the simple pleasures and natural beauty of our area, as well as carefully welcome back the interactions between family, friends and community," Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, shared. "I am grateful for the strengthening of relationships between coworkers and community partners, as well as the innovative problem-solving I have seen unfold in so many ways. Our communities have remained strong and resilient through this crisis, and everything we have done to help each other reminds us of the continued importance of community and authentic engagement."

The [Public Health Advisory](#) issued March 31st, 2020 is still active and advises that additional precautions. This includes self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in northern Michigan. There are many community resources available to assist our residents in staying comfortable at home. Please call 211 or our Public Health Information Line at 1-231-882-2197 for assistance.

As of 2pm today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department continues to report four positive cases of COVID-19 in Benzie County and ten positive cases in Leelanau County. The State of Michigan has reported 50,079 cases and 4,825 deaths.

Visit our COVID-19 Data Dashboard for the latest local information including recovered data and contact tracing: [BLDHD COVID-19 Dashboard](#). 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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