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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department has developed multiple toolkits and resources for various sectors of business. They are posted on our [website](#) and have been distributed widely throughout the community. Our food and retail operators are some of the very best around! They are working proactively and carefully to prepare for reopening, and we are here to support them.

“As more and more people leave their homes to go to work, we recognize how important it is that employers understand how to protect their employees and those they serve. An outbreak within a worksite can put many people in the community at risk and we are committed to ensuring employers have the resources they need to operate safely,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “It’s our time to show the rest of the state how this is done in the most strategic, careful, and successful way.”

Additional Business Resources:

- Online portal to order PPE through Pure Michigan Business Connect: online portal is open to companies of all sizes and industries and is available for all scales of PPE demand, and can be accessed at www.michiganbusiness.org/ppe along with additional information on the program.
- [Michigan Chamber of Commerce Personal Protection Equipment Supply Stock List](#)
- [COVID-19 Response Plan Template](#). (On the [website](#) under Public Information is where to find the editable word template)

This morning, we held a community conversation with over 40 partners within our two-county region to discuss and collaborate on response efforts and share important information for the public. There were many questions about retail and restaurant re-engagement planning and strategies, as well as discussing information about visitors. We continue to remain committed to supporting our communities and business partners as they move through the stages of re-engagement.

As of 2pm today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department continues to report four positive cases of COVID-19 in Benzie County and eleven positive cases in Leelanau County. The State of Michigan has reported 53,009 cases and 5,060 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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