



Benzie County Office
6051 Frankfort Hwy, Ste 100
Benzonia, MI 49616

Phone: 231-882-4409
Fax: 231-882-0143

www.bldhd.org

Leelanau County Office
7401 E. Duck Lake Rd
Lake Leelanau, MI 49653

Phone: 231-256-0200
Fax: 231-882-0143

PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

For Immediate Release
May 8th, 2020

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Governor Whitmer extended the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” executive order to May 28, 2020. It lifts restrictions for manufacture workers who perform previously suspended activities to go back to work. [Full executive order](#). The Governor also detailed the six phases of the MI Safe Start plan to re-engage Michigan’s economy, which can be found [here](#).

As we continue to re-engage over the coming weeks we must all do our part to protect our community, especially our citizens at high risk for severe illness, by maintaining 6 feet of social distancing and wearing masks or face coverings in public settings. Additionally, it is important to only leave home to provide or receive essential goods and services, follow proper hand washing guidelines and cleaning or disposal of masks upon returning home.

“It is important the we continue to work together as a community. Wearing a mask or face covering benefits not only you, but also those around you,” shared Dr. Josh Meyerson, Medical Director. “When you wear a mask, you are saying thank you to those on the front lines and those stocking the shelves at our stores. They continue to show up and provide us with essential goods and services, and we can show up for them by wearing a mask.”

In order to assist our businesses in the reengagement process we have created a selection of resources for their use. Please find our updated [Business Toolkit](#) and our newly developed [Construction toolkit](#). So many of our local businesses are working hard to protect their employees and customers – we applaud their efforts and we are here to support them.

As of 2pm today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department continues to report four positive cases of COVID-19 in Benzie County and nine positive cases in Leelanau County. The Health Department has recorded 337 individuals tested with 46 pending results. The State of Michigan has reported 46,326 cases and 4,393 deaths.

Visit our COVID-19 Data Dashboard for the latest local information including recovered data and contract tracking: www.bldhd.org/coronavirus-covid-19

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.

Media Contact:
Rachel Pomeroy, PIO
231-882-6085
RPomeroy@bldhd.org

###