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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department in collaboration with the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance (NMPHA) has issued a [Public Health Advisory](#) to reflect the new Executive Orders from Governor Whitmer. The new Public Health Advisory replaces the previous Public Health Advisory issued on March 31, 2020 and will remain in place until lifted. The Advisory was updated to better reflect the travel allowed in the Executive Orders as Region 6 & 8 moved into Phase 5 of the [MI Safe Start Plan](#).

As updated this week,

- [Business Toolkit](#)
- [Social Gathering Toolkit](#)
- [Short-Term Rentals](#)
- [Fitness Facility Toolkit](#)

Beginning today June 11th, 2020, Rite Aid in Petoskey and Traverse City are offering free self-swab drive-thru testing for individuals 18 and older. Doctors' orders are not required, but individuals must make an appointment to get tested. The results will be sent to MDHHS and the local health departments to discuss any necessary follow up.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, shares, "the mass testing events over the last few weeks have helped to significantly increase the number of tests we have done in our region, which in turns allows us to have stronger data to monitor the pandemic risk and changes. Although there is potential to see an increase in positive cases due to more testing, we are hopeful that we will continue to see a low positivity rate."

As of 2pm today, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is continuing to report total case counts of five positive cases of COVID-19 in Benzie County and twelve positive cases in Leelanau County. The State of Michigan has reported 59,496 cases and 5,737 deaths. Visit our [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#) for the latest local information including recovered data and contact tracing. Michigan Department of Health and Human Service Dashboard: [MI Safe Start Map](#). Additional and updated information can be found on our [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) or by calling our public information line 231-882-2197.

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