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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 case in Leelanau County. The case investigation and contact tracing for the newly reported case is currently in progress. Total case counts are now five positive cases of COVID-19 in Benzie County and twelve positive cases in Leelanau County. The State of Michigan has reported 59,107 cases and 5,698 deaths.

Per the Governor's [Executive Order 2020-115](#), tomorrow, Region 6 and 8 will move into Phase 5 of the [Michigan Safe Start Plan](#). This order allows for the re-opening of gyms, hair salons, indoor theaters, tattoo parlors, and similar establishments, subject to strict workplace safeguards as indicated in [Executive Order 2020-114](#). Indoor social gatherings and organized events of up to 50 people will be allowed, as will outdoor social gatherings and organized events of up to 250 people. With increased movement through our communities and more businesses being opened, it is not unusual to find that case investigation reveals that people have been to work and visited public places which makes it increasingly difficult and less relevant to share places they have visited.

We would like to remind travelers and residents. All individuals traveling to northern Michigan for vacation, to stay in seasonal homes or are returning from travel out of the area should consider carefully their risk of exposure during travel (ie: attended a gathering or event, international travel, traveled via public transportation such as plane, train, or bus, traveled to an area with a rising rate of cases of COVID-19). If travel indicates higher risk then they are advised to stay at home for 14 days upon arrival to destination. If they must leave their home, they are advised to wear a face covering, practice social distancing, and frequently wash their hands.

"As we are phasing back into our new normal, it is our goal to support increased testing locally to showcase an improvement in COVID-19 prevalence and risk in our communities and across the state. With increased testing we will have access to more data to monitor the pandemic risk, and strengthen our capacity for future testing as needed," shares Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. "It is still just as important to follow social distancing, masking, and hygiene measures, as these measures are intended to work together to protect us through these stages of reopening and the allowable community interaction."

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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