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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

**For Immediate Release**  
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### **The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update**

Today there were 2 new cases of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County and 2 new cases of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County. The investigation of the most recent case is in progress and the information known at this time is below:

- Age:
  - 0-19 years – 1 case
  - 30-39 years – 1 case
  - 50-59 years – 1 case
  - 60-69 years – 1 case
- Residents – 4 new cases; Visitors – 0 new cases; Non-Residents – 0 new cases
- Symptomatic – 50% of cases; Asymptomatic – 25%; Unknown – 25%
- Total active close contacts identified, notified, and instructed to quarantine : 78 and new cases are still under investigation
- Newly Recovered- 0
- Currently Hospitalized – 3
- Potential low-risk public exposure locations where close contacts may not have been able to be identified include:
  - Cherry Capital Airport- American Flight 4047 on Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-12:00pm.

We have been notified of the first death due to COVID-19 in our jurisdiction. The individual was a female resident of Benzie County in her 70's who passed away in another county. "We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of this individual," said Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "We understand that this news is difficult for our communities as we navigate through this uncertain time and a tragic reminder of how serious COVID-19 is. We need to continue to stay strong as we work together to slow the spread of this disease."

As of 4:00pm, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting:

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 16, Leelanau– 47
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 5, Leelanau– 12
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 71,842 cases and 6,101 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: [Dashboard](#). Additional and updated information can be found on our [Website](#) and [Facebook](#). If you have COVID-19 related question, fill out a quick [survey](#), email questions to [hotline@bldhd.org](mailto:hotline@bldhd.org), or call our public information line at 231-882-2197.

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