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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were no new cases of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County or in Benzie County.

Per Governor Whitmer's [Executive Order 2020-153](#), face coverings or face masks are required in all indoor spaces and in crowded outdoor spaces. To continue to reduce your risk of COVID-19, reusable face coverings should be properly cleaned and disinfected after every use. It is especially important if the face covering became visibly dirty or wet. It may be helpful to have multiple face coverings, so you have one to wear while another is being washed. Never wash disposable face masks.

- **If you're using a washing machine:** You can include your face covering with your regular laundry. Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the face covering.
- **If you're washing by hand:** (1) Prepare a solution by mixing four teaspoons household bleach per quart of room temperature water. Check the label to see if your bleach is intended for disinfection (some bleach products are not) and is within the expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleaner. (2) Soak the face covering in the bleach solution for five minutes. (3) Rinse thoroughly with cool or room temperature water. (4) Always fully dry your face covering before wearing again. You can lay it out to air dry or use a dryer on the highest heat setting.

"Proper care of face coverings (ex. mask, bandanas, etc.) is just as important to reduce the spread of COVID-19," stated Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. "Face coverings should be properly stored and washed between use to ensure effectiveness. Face coverings continue to be proven effective and the best, low-cost method of protection for yourself and the community."

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 26, Leelanau– 60
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 8, Leelanau– 21
- Hospitalized: 10 total; 1 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 80,172 cases and 6,172 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, or call our public information line at 231-882-2197.

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