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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there was one new case of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County. The investigation of the new case is in progress. Three total cases (Leelanau- 2; Benzie- 1) have been reported since Saturday, August 8th. The information known at this time is below:

- Age:
 - 0-19 years – 1 case
 - 50-59 years – 1 case
 - 70-79 years – 1 case
- Residents – 3 new cases
- Symptomatic – 66.7% of cases; Asymptomatic – 33.3% of cases
- Newly Recovered – 24 cases (Leelanau- 17; Benzie- 7)
- Potential low-risk public exposure locations for new cases where close contacts may not have been able to be identified include:
 - No new exposure sites

We have received many questions about the difference between self-quarantine, quarantine, and isolation. Self-quarantine is defined as a close contact who volunteers or chooses to quarantine without instruction of medical advice. Quarantine is defined as a close contact that has been identified through case investigation by a health department and has been instructed by public health officials to quarantine. Isolation is defined as action taken by someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Isolation period is 10 days from symptoms onset or day test was performed for individuals that are asymptomatic.

“Considering the potential for wide-reaching impact simply means that we have to carefully consider where and how we spend our time,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “For example, if through a case investigation, a person testing positive reports they had close contact, within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more, with 20 people in the 48 hours prior to their positive test, there are 20 additional interviews to be conducted. It also means that 20 more people have to be quarantined and 20 more people could develop the virus and therefore spread it on to others. With more activities being allowed, we should all be considering how we can make these interactions safer through masking, distancing, practicing hand hygiene, and staying home when we don’t feel well.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 28, Leelanau– 67
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 16, Leelanau– 45
- Hospitalized: 10 total; 0 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 87,960 cases and 6,257 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](#) or by calling our public information line 231-882-2197. 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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