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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 case investigation is in progress. After case investigations of the recent cases, Leelanau has decreased by two cases due to changes in address.

At this time the CDC no longer recommends re-testing individuals with confirmed COVID-19 and instead recommends a symptom-based strategy to end isolation. New evidence suggests that individuals can shed detectable levels of the virus for many weeks after illness onset, but at a considerably lower level. Currently there is no evidence that individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 but test positive can transmit the virus to others. Persons whose symptoms are improving are no longer considered contagious 10 days after their symptoms started and those without symptoms but who tested positive are considered non-infectious 10 days after the test date. For more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/duration-isolation.html>

"We are continually reminded that our best protection from getting and spreading COVID-19 is to regularly follow distancing, masking, and handwashing guidelines," shared Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. "Because we can have and shed the virus without even knowing it, we are reminded to take the protective measures seriously to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our communities."

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 29, Leelanau– 68
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 16, Leelanau– 47
- Hospitalized: 10 total; 0 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 89,271 cases and 6,273 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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