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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were three new cases, one case in Leelanau County and 2 cases in Benzie County, although one of the Benzie cases is in a visitor. The case investigation is in progress. For privacy concerns, we will be releasing details about cases on Mondays and Fridays only.

Potential low-risk public exposure locations for new cases where close contacts may not have been able to be identified are listed below. If you were at this location during the times identified, please monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell, fever, muscle aches, sore throat, fatigue, headache, runny nose/congestion, vomiting, diarrhea). If symptoms develop, notify your health care provider or seek out testing.

o West End Tavern (12719 S W Bay Shore Dr, Traverse City, MI)

- Saturday, August 1st, from 11am-10pm
- Sunday, August 2nd, from 11am -10pm
- Tuesday, August 4th, from 11am -10pm
- Wednesday, August 5th, from 11am -10pm
- Friday, August 7th, from 11am -10pm
- Saturday, August 8th, from 11am -10pm
- Sunday, August 9th, from 11am -10pm
- Monday, August 10th, from 11am-4pm
- Tuesday, August 11th, from 11am-4pm

Headed off to college?

Some colleges and universities are requiring a negative COVID-19 test prior to starting classes or moving into the dorms. A few suggestions for those planning to head to school soon.

- Figure out if your school is sending you a test or [find a testing site](#). Note that there may be a wait to be scheduled for a test and it may take up to a week to receive results.
- Be prepared to self-quarantine (e.g. stay home) while waiting for test results.
- Take steps to avoid infection in the days/weeks before school: Limit your social group, maintain social distancing, and wear a mask. You don't want to derail your first weeks of school by becoming ill or being exposed to COVID-19.

"Parents, students, and school staff alike are experiencing a full range of emotions related to the start of school, similar to the experience of reopening the economy," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Again, we know that it is likely that cases may increase after this level of interaction, however with the diligent attention to protective measures, our hope is that we can contain transmission to a low level."

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 31, Leelanau– 69
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 16, Leelanau– 47
- Hospitalized: 11 total; 0 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 90,392 cases and 6,289 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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