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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were two new cases of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County. The case investigations are currently in progress. Benzie and Leelanau have reported 8 new cases (Leelanau- 5; Benzie- 3) of COVID-19 since Tuesday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the week (8/18-8/21):

- Age:
 - 20-29 years – 4 cases
 - 30-39 years – 1 case
 - 40-49 years – 1 case
 - 50-59 years – 2 cases
- Residents – 7 new cases; Non-Resident – 1 new case
- Symptomatic – 62.5% of cases; Asymptomatic – 12.5% of cases; Unknown – 25% of cases
- Recovered – 1 new recovered (Leelanau)
- Potential low-risk public exposure locations where close contacts may not have been able to be identified include:
 - No new exposure sites today

What to do if you think you were exposed to COVID-19:

- Be aware that it can take anywhere from 2-14 days after an exposure to COVID-19 to become symptomatic. Don't rush out and get a test immediately as it takes time after infection to have enough virus for the test to detect it. It is better to wait one week after possible exposure.
- If you have been identified as a close contact and told to quarantine by the health department, you need to complete the 14-day quarantine even if you get a negative test.

"The pandemic risk indicators on the mstartmap.info dashboard continue to keep us in a medium risk category across Region 6, the Traverse City Region," shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "The rest of the state currently remains in a medium-high to high risk category. However, when we dig deeper into these same indicators by county, it allows us to see a little more of the local trends and reminds us that clusters of cases and individual cases are still happening all around us. The best protection is when everyone is able to follow all of the required and recommended protective measures."

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 36, Leelanau– 76
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 13, Leelanau– 23
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 22, Leelanau– 53
- Hospitalized: 13 total; 2 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

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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