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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. Three total cases (Leelanau- 1; Benzie-2) have been reported since Saturday, August 22nd. The information known at this time is below:

- Age:
 - 40-49 years – 1 case
 - 50-59 years – 1 case
 - 70-79 years – 1 case
- Residents – 3 new cases
- Symptomatic – 100% of cases
- Newly Recovered – 8 cases (Leelanau- 6; Benzie- 2)
- 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

Last week, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) received a federal grant that will help continue behavioral health support for pandemic related emotional distress. The funding will provide an additional nine months of support and allow the programming to be statewide. The grant will allow for more trained crisis counselors available for free counseling and more outreach specialist/media reach.

“Our work in many other important areas of public health continues,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “While we are aggressively gearing up for back to school vaccines and community drive through flu clinics. We also continue to provide important services for people of all ages as well as to protect our food, water, and sanitation systems in the best possible way. We thank you, our community for your ongoing support of our work to protect the public’s health.’

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 38, Leelanau– 77
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 13, Leelanau– 18
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 24, Leelanau– 59
- Hospitalized: 15 total; 2 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 97,660 cases and 6,397 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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