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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were two new cases of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County and two new cases of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County. The case investigations are in progress.

The State of Michigan continues to improve the information available to the public on the Michigan Coronavirus [website](#) as well. There is now a specific [FAQ button](#) for schools as well as a page that summarizes the outbreaks being investigated across the State and each region. As of this week there are 70 different current outbreaks in the state and 8 across our region. The outbreaks in our region are distributed across the categories of social gatherings, restaurants, and healthcare and other types of office settings.

“We have been working diligently with the schools and providers in our area over the last month to assist them with opening of schools next week,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We also would like to remind the students and parents to continue to do their part by practicing protective measures such as avoiding large social gatherings, using facial coverings, and social distancing, so schools can open. If everyone continues to be vigilant about these safety precautions, then we have the best chance of keeping schools open.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 41, Leelanau– 79
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 14, Leelanau– 17
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 25, Leelanau– 62
- Hospitalized: 15 total; 1 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2

The State of Michigan has reported 99,958 cases and 6,440 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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