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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

**For Immediate Release**  
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### **The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update**

Today there were no new cases of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County or in Benzie County.

We have been getting several questions asking how many COVID-19 tests have been performed in our counties. This is a number we do not report because it is not something consistently reported to us. Tests are being performed at several doctors' offices, hospitals, pharmacies, and other locations. However, total # of tests per million per day is tracked by county and region on the state's Mi Safe Start Map [Dashboard](#), so it is available there for public access.

Today, Governor Whitmer issued an [Executive Directive 2020-8](#) to strengthen enforcement of COVID-19 related laws (wearing of mask and capacity limitations), and to direct state departments and autonomous agency heads to prioritize these activities in recognition of the risks to public health. Without effective enforcement Michigan will move backwards causing individuals, businesses, and the economy to suffer.

"Locally we continue to see several new cases per week, so we must recognize that COVID-19 continues to be present in our communities and recent local patterns indicate evidence of community spread," stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. "Although it is encouraging to see our numbers of new cases beginning to decrease, we must remember that this is a single point in time and just a few short weeks ago cases in our area were higher than they had ever been yet."

For privacy concerns, we will be releasing details about cases on Mondays and Fridays only. As of 4:00pm, the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department is reporting:

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 27, Leelanau– 64
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 8, Leelanau– 26
- Hospitalized: 10 total; 0 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 84,050 cases and 6,220 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 questions, fill out a quick [survey](#), email questions to [hotline@bldhd.org](mailto:hotline@bldhd.org), or call our public information line at 231-882-2197.

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