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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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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.

Local public health departments are working closely with the area schools to prepare for re-opening in the fall. The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department team is hosting a weekly virtual meeting for school leadership to help address concerns and questions. We have also created a school resource [toolkit](#) for the school and community to help answer questions. We know that school is a critical priority for parents, students, and school staff and we hope these resources help to promote health and safety while we navigate this pandemic together.

“We need to remember that close interactions increase risk, but strict observation of protective measures can decrease it. Finding that balance which keeps transmission in our communities manageable is an important goal that we are striving for,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We know that school staff, parents, and students all have many concerns about school reopening, viral transmission, quality of education, and many other challenges that lie ahead. The only way we can get through this is to do it together.”

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– 9, Leelanau– 28
- Hospitalized: 10 total; 0 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 1

The State of Michigan has reported 84,707 cases and 6,221 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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