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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. For protection of privacy we are unable to report details on individual cases however below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the week (8/4-8/7):

- Age:
 - 50-59 years – 1 case
- Residents – 1 new case
- Symptomatic – 100% of cases
- Recovered – 3 new recovered
- Potential low-risk public exposure locations where close contacts may not have been able to be identified include:
 - No new exposure sites

We are getting many questions related to travel and any risks or precautions people should be aware of. The MI Safe Start Map is a resource that can be found at www.mistartmap.info and displays pandemic risk data by county and region within Michigan. COVID Act Now is another dashboard that can be found at www.covidactnow.org and compares similar indicators for states and counties.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, shared “it is important for us all to consider what risk does our travel or our destination involve? Some questions we can ask ourselves include: Will we be on a crowded plane? Where will we stay? Will we be making many stops especially to restaurants where we may be for an extended period of time and will we be attending a gathering? These are all important questions to ask ourselves. There are important reasons that people have to travel and if so, there are ways they can make it safer. By carefully masking, going prepared with supplies for hand hygiene, distancing where we can, and staying away from crowded establishments or gatherings when possible, we can decrease our risk of getting COVID.”

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– 65
- 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 86,191 cases and 6,247 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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