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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there was one new case of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County. The case investigations are in progress.

Last week Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order [2020-176](#), lifting restrictions that previously did not allow certain organized sports to be played. Yesterday, Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order [2020-180](#) further clarifying the use and wear of face masks and face coverings in order to play sports. The executive order states that athletes training, practicing, or competing in an organized sport must wear a facial covering (except when swimming) or they must consistently maintain 6 feet of social distance as much as possible.

“Today marks six months since Michigan’s first case of COVID-19 and we have learned so much since March,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “When community transmission is present, as indicated by increasing cases and positivity rates, then all of us are at increased risk when in close contact with others. It is important to approach these newly allowed activities with caution as over 30 outbreaks in Michigan have been associated with sports teams and athletic facilities.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 54, Leelanau– 92
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 22, Leelanau– 24
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 30, Leelanau– 67
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 1
- Probable COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie – 4, Leelanau– 9
- Hospitalized: 15 total; 0 current

The State of Michigan has reported 109,519 cases and 6,569 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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