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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 Benzie County or Leelanau County. After case investigation, it was determined that three individuals in Benzie County were not cases and they have been removed from the count and dashboard statistics.

Yesterday, in an effort to provide information about COVID-19 in Michigan schools, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) began reporting outbreak information by school building. The information will be posted every Monday at 3pm on the [Michigan.gov COVID-19 website](https://www.michigan.gov/COVID-19), and the data published will provide the public with a general understanding of current school-related COVID-19 outbreaks. The publicly available information will include the following items:

- County
- School Name
- School Address
- School Grades
- School-Specific Case Count
- Case Type (Staff, Student, or Both)

“We know that we will not be able to prevent the schools from being affected by COVID,” stated Dr. Joshua Meyerson, Medical Director. “The goal is not to prevent COVID-19, that would not be realistic, but rather to contain it. The school outbreak information contributes to our knowledge and allows us to target our efforts at mitigation activities that would reduce the spread and contain COVID-19.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 54, Leelanau– 95
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 17, Leelanau– 22
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 35, Leelanau– 72
- 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: 17 total; 2 current

The State of Michigan has reported 113,183 cases and 6,612 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](mailto:hotline@bldhd.org), or call our public information line at 231-882-2197.

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