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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.

MDHHS school-related COVID-19 outbreak reporting will be reported using non-identifying information to protect the privacy of those children, teachers, staff, and families. Outbreak is defined by the state as two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases among students or staff with onsets within a 14-day period, who are epidemiologically linked, do not share a household, and were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting during standard case investigation or contact tracing. This week we will be reviewing the process of monitoring transmission risk with our school leadership to ensure we have smooth communication if and when we should face outbreaks within the school population.

“We need to remember that COVID-19 in our schools does not mean anyone has failed. It is not realistic to prevent cases from appearing in our schools but each of us can do our part to reduce the number of cases we do see,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. People who develop COVID-19 should not be blamed because COVID-19 is contagious and out in our community. It is truly critical that everyone take a moment and remember that everyone is doing their best, with what they have, each day.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 57, Leelanau– 97
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 20, Leelanau– 24
- 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; 0 current

The State of Michigan has reported 114,692 cases and 6,632 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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