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## PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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**For Immediate Release**

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### **The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update**

Today there was one new case of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County. Benzie and Leelanau have reported 6 new cases (Leelanau-2; Benzie- 4) of COVID-19 since Tuesday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the week (9/15-9/18):

- Age:
  - 30-39 years – 2 cases
  - 40-49 years – 1 case
  - 50-59 years – 2 cases
  - 60-69 years – 1 case
- Residents – 3 new cases; Non-residents – 3 new cases
- Symptomatic – 100% of cases
- Recovered – 5 new recovered (Leelanau-3, Benzie-2)
- No new exposure sites today

With the fall season upon us, we want to remind residents to continue taking all necessary safety precautions while enjoying the fall festivities in our region. Earlier this month, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) reminded the state's U-pick, corn mazes and other Agri-tourism operations opening up to implement and follow plans to protect themselves and their customers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The full guidance from MDARD is available [online](#).

"Fall festivities can be safely enjoyed when everyone does their part to stay home if they are feeling sick, wear a mask, keep their distance, and regularly wash or sanitize their hands," shared Dr. Meyerson, Medical Director. "The fall season is important for our local agriculture businesses as their operations are a key piece in our local food supply chain and a source of enjoyment for residents. These businesses must do their part to promote the adherence to guidance in order to protect the health and safety of the public and stay open for the season."

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 58, Leelanau– 97
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 20, Leelanau– 21
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 36, Leelanau– 75
- 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 115,387 cases and 6,638 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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