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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were two new cases of COVID-19 identified in Leelanau County. The case investigations are currently in progress and relevant information will be reported when available.

For the upcoming flu season, flu vaccination will be very important because it can help reduce the overall impact of respiratory illnesses on the population and thus lessen the resulting burden on the healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic. A flu vaccine may also provide several individual health benefits, including preventing you from getting sick with flu, reducing the severity of your illness if you do get flu, and reducing your risk of a flu-associated hospitalization. For more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2020-2021.htm>

“During the Governor’s press conference last week, we heard from several experts about the importance of the flu vaccine this season,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “The President of the Michigan Hospital Association reminded everyone that the hospitals are concerned about flu-surge as well as COVID and wants us to remember the tools we have to fight influenza which we don’t yet have for COVID. Locally, we are starting to receive our first shipments of flu vaccine and are busy planning our strategies for holding drive-thru community flu clinics in the safest and most efficient way.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 43, Leelanau– 87
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 15, Leelanau– 23
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 26, Leelanau– 64
- Hospitalized: 15 total; 0 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 0

The State of Michigan has reported 103,186 cases and 6,495 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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