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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. Fifteen total cases (Leelanau- 7; Benzie-8) have been reported since Saturday, September 19th. The information known at this time is below:

- Age:
 - 13-19 years – 5 cases
 - 20-29 years – 6 cases
 - 40-49 years – 3 cases
 - 80-89 years – 1 case
- Residents – 3 new cases, Non-residents – 12 new cases
- Symptomatic – 7% of cases, Asymptomatic – 20% of cases, Unknown – 73% of cases
- Newly Recovered – 10 cases (Leelanau- 8; Benzie- 2)
- No new low risk public exposure sites

Difference between a cluster of cases and an outbreak. A cluster of cases refers to a larger geographic issue (such as a particular town) with lots of loosely related cases and an outbreak as cases within a more defined group (such as a worksite or school). A cluster of cases may progress to an outbreak once the linkages are established as well. As a reminder for the community, we have drive-up testing at the Health Department on Tuesday mornings in Leelanau County and Wednesday mornings in Benzie County.

“We would like to remind everyone that if they feel sick, please stay home,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “We have been noticing with our new cases that there are more close contacts which are leading to outbreaks or cluster of cases. All of us need to continue to layer the mitigation measures that are in place to protect us by wearing our masks, washing our hands, keeping our distance, and being thoughtful about how and where we spend our time.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 66, Leelanau– 104
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 26, Leelanau– 20
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 38, Leelanau– 83
- 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 117,406 cases and 6,665 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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