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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. Benzie and Leelanau have reported 4 new cases (Leelanau- 3; Benzie- 1) of COVID-19 since Tuesday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the week (9/22-9/25):

- Age:
 - 12-18 years – 1 case
 - 20-29 years – 1 case
 - 60-69 years – 2 cases
- Residents – 4 new cases, Non-residents – 1 new case
- Symptomatic – 50% of cases, Unknown – 50% of cases
- Recovered – 6 new recovered (Leelanau-4, Benzie-2)
- No new exposure sites today

On September 22, the MI Safe Start Map website switched to a new set of names for the risk levels, and a new color scheme. The revised names and color scheme are intended to reduce confusion with the state's Economic Recovery Phases associated with the MI Safe Start Plan. Currently the Traverse City Region, which includes our two counties, is in the risk level B. Cases in this region have been declining for the past 24 days, and the percent of positive tests has also been decreasing.

“We are seeing an uptick in cases nationally however we are seeing the state and regional cases/million/day and positivity rate currently trending down,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “The counties within the region vary in their case counts and positivity rate. One thing that is important to note is that one cluster of cases can cause a dramatic jump in these numbers and still be fairly isolated from the general public so it’s important to remember that there are often more details behind the numbers that helps us to understand the true risk.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 67, Leelanau– 106
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 25, Leelanau– 18
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 40, Leelanau– 87
- 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 120,526 cases and 6,708 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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