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PERSONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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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 or Leelanau County. Benzie and Leelanau have reported 5 new cases (Leelanau- 3; Benzie- 2) of COVID-19 since Saturday. Below is a summary of our cumulative cases for the weekend (9/26-9/28):

- Age:
 - 30-39 years – 3 cases
 - 40-49 years – 1 case
 - 80-89 years – 1 case
- Residents – 5 new cases
- Symptomatic – 80% of cases for which case investigation is completed.
- Recovered – 4 new recovered (Benzie-4)
- Potential low-risk public exposure locations for new cases where close contacts may not have been able to be identified are listed below. If you were at this location during the times identified, please monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell, fever, muscle aches, sore throat, fatigue, headache, runny nose/congestion, vomiting, diarrhea). If symptoms develop, notify your health care provider or seek out testing.
 - Harrington's by the Bay (13890 S W Bay Shore Dr, Traverse City, MI 49684)
 - Sunday, September 20th, from 11am-9:00pm
 - Monday, September 21st, from 11am-9:00pm

On Friday, Governor Whitmer signed [Executive Order 2020-183](#) amending the MI Safe Start order and adjusting planned social gathering and event sizes. Indoor social gatherings or indoor organized events of 10 people or fewer continue to be permitted. There are also specific guidelines, including participant counts and capacity limits for indoor and outdoor events held at non-residential venues and these can be found [here](#).

“Throughout the summer months, we have been returning to “business as usual” in addition to handling all things COVID-19,” shared Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “This is true for our whole community; however, we all know that there are measures in place which require us to live in a very different way. With school, holidays, and winter either here or coming, we need to continue our mitigation strategies to reduce the risk of COVID-19 and flu spread in our community.”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 69, Leelanau– 109
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 23, Leelanau– 21
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 44, 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 122,735 cases and 6,731 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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