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The Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today there were two new cases of COVID-19 identified in Benzie County. The case investigations are in progress. Five total cases (Leelanau- 2; Benzie-3) have been reported since Saturday, September 5th. The information known at this time is below:

- Age:
 - 20-29 years – 1 case
 - 30-39 years – 1 case
 - 40-49 years – 1 case
 - 60-69 years – 1 case
 - 70-79 years – 1 case
- Residents – 3 new cases, Non-residents – 2 new cases
- Symptomatic – 40% of cases, Asymptomatic – 60% of cases
- Newly Recovered – 4 cases (Leelanau- 2; Benzie- 2)
- No new exposure sites

Last week, Governor Whitmer signed [Executive Order 2020-176](#) which provides additional details around the Safe Start Order, including the opening of gyms across the state and [Executive Order 2020-175](#) (updated employee safeguards). These executive orders replace 2020-161 and 2020-162. MDHHS released a [frequently asked questions](#) section for Executive Order 2020-176.

“The sustained COVID-19 pandemic response has worn on us all, but it is so important now to stand united in safety for the best possible educational options for our next generation,” stated Lisa Peacock, Health Officer. “Each school has worked hard the last month to put safety precautions in place for their students and staff. Let’s keep up the safety precautions for each other and mostly for our school-aged kids, their parents, and their teachers – it takes all of us to keep them safe!”

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

- Positive COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 53, Leelanau– 90
- Active COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 22, Leelanau– 22
- Recovered COVID-19 cases in the following counties: Benzie– 29, Leelanau– 67
- Hospitalized: 15 total; 0 current
- Confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the following counties: Benzie – 2, Leelanau– 1

The State of Michigan has reported 107,812 cases and 6,539 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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