



Calhoun County Joint Information Center

Wednesday, April 8, 2020



Administrative Notes

- Please mute your phone
- This is a listening-only meeting, besides the pre-arranged speakers
- Please send any questions through Zoom chat function
- Enter your name on Zoom, so we know who is asking questions
- Tentative schedule next week: Monday and Friday briefs will be via email/press release. Wednesday will be the only live Zoom briefing. Please let PIOs know if you have questions.



Purpose of Joint Information Center (JIC)

To provide current and relevant information regarding actions, activities and resources in the JOC in a combined format for community and elected leadership, as well as the media

To listen to and determine the needs of all jurisdictions in Calhoun County



Agenda

Unified Command Team - Blocker
Lines of Effort and Priorities - Blocker
Current Situation - Pessell
Activities - Fleury
Community Action - Scott
Current Challenges - Pessell
Successes - Pessell and Fleury

Law Enforcement Update - Hinkley
Business Update - Beer
Comments from Representatives-Open
to Elected Officials or their
representatives



Unified Command Team

Kelli Scott, Calhoun County Administrator/Controller

Rebecca Fleury, Battle Creek City Manager

Eric Pessell, Calhoun County Public Health Department Health Officer



CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER

COVID-19 Unified Response





Joint Operations Center: Lines of Effort and Priorities

Save Lives

Mitigate suffering

Protect the Vulnerable

- Develop Community-wide approach
- Create a virtual Joint Operations Center
- Respond to impacts and effect of the Shelter in Place Order
- Anticipate and prepare for COVID increase and surge capability
- Develop plan to reset and stabilize



Current Situation

As of 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 8:

There are 52 positive cases of COVID-19 in Calhoun County

There is 1 death reported

There are 79 tests pending

This information is updated twice daily by the Public Health Department at calhouncountymi.gov.



Joint Operations Center - Activities

Hope to obtain PPE locally, especially through manufacturers once need is identified

Amount of requests to the Logistics and Resources team is increasing

UCT will speak on AccessVision Thursday



Joint Operations Center – Community Action

Parks are open, but must continue social distancing

Burn permits are not being issued at this time

During Easter holiday and in nicer weather, please avoid large gatherings

Volunteers needed for Meals on Wheels, call 269.382.0515 x137

Wear cloth face covering in public (new CDC guidance)



Current Challenges

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Working with local manufacturers to assess need and capacity
- Requests are made through the JOC
- Hospitals report PPE as biggest needs

Lull in the rise of positive cases

- Numbers will continue to rise
- Labs processing results bottle-necking confirmations
- Lack of testing availability
- Help prevent spread by emphasizing we must continue to adhere to CDC guidance



Current Challenges

Health Department Notification Procedures

- Additional information in JIC released Monday

Asking community to please continue to follow Governor's Executive Orders



Successes

Oaklawn, COVID-19 maternity case

- A newborn child's close brush with her mother's coronavirus symptoms has left a local family relieved, joyful, and reunited

Full Blast – successful transition

- Overnight public drop-in homeless shelter for men at Full Blast
- Collaboration between City, SHARE Center, and Haven
- Seamless transition between daytime and night operations
- Showers provided, as well as meals 3x daily
- Press release went out Friday regarding the change



Law Enforcement Update – Sheriff Steve Hinkley

County Chiefs Meeting Update

Monitoring Township/Village Needs

Officers Supporting Distribution Needs

Crisis Intervention Officer/Summit Point

CIT Officers Trained:

Albion - 6
BCPD - 23
County - 13
Marshall - 2
Emmett - 2
Tribe - 5
VA - 1



Business Update – Kara Beer

- Announcement of approximately \$122,000 in MEDC funding awarded to 16 businesses throughout the Calhoun County region
- Calhoun County Health Department, Eric Pessell presented a zoom meeting with business and corporate leaders
 - 64 in attendance
- Work underway in sharing the projected 90 day needs for Calhoun County with businesses
- Established Collaborative Marketing and Communication Strategy

Essential v Non Essential (Law Enforcement and Business)

- Number of Business Complaints - 58
- Number of cases needing enforcement - 0



Updates from Elected Officials – Future JICs

On all future JIC briefings, we will provide updates from elected officials

We ask that information elected officials would like to share is sent to the PIOs by 5 p.m., the day before the briefing

Please send info to Lucy Blair, LBlair@calhouncountymi.gov

Recommendations for us all

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth

Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces

Wear a cloth face covering in public to protect others

Practice social distancing in public

Stay home when you are sick, and call your primary care provider



Best Information Sources

Calhoun County Government and Public Health Department

calhouncountymi.gov

- Visit county site to sign up for all JOC press releases

City of Battle Creek, COVID-19 page

battlecreekmi.gov/coronavirus

State of Michigan, COVID-19 page

michigan.gov/coronavirus

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

cdc.gov/coronavirus



Public Information Officers [PIOs]

are available to answer media
questions/inquiries



Contact Us

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