



Calhoun County Joint Information Center

Wednesday, April 29, 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
- 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.



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



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

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Current Situation

As of 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 29:

There are **219** positive cases of COVID-19 in Calhoun County

There are **11** deaths reported

There are **55** cumulative hospitalizations

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



Current Situation

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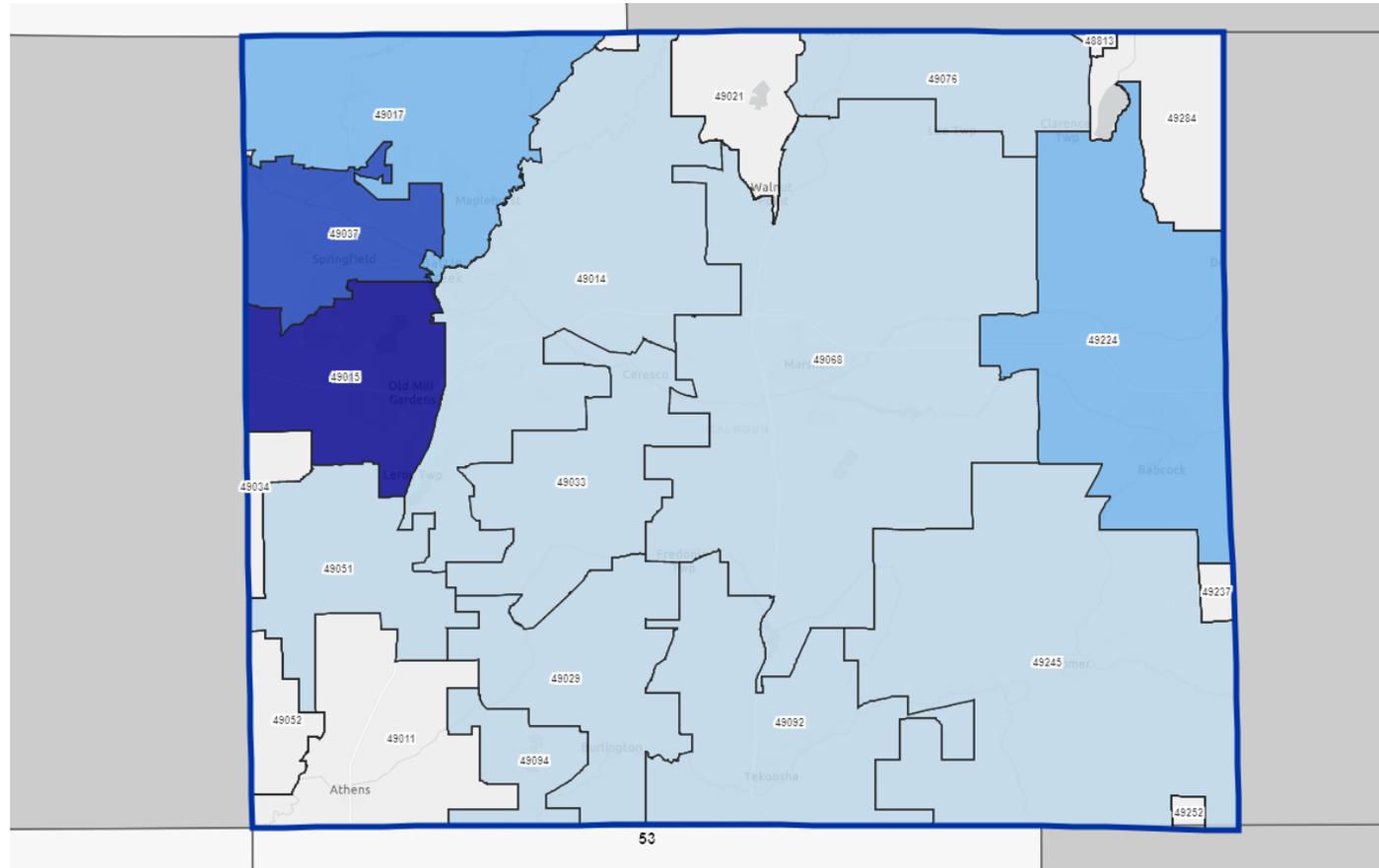
There are **18** persons currently hospitalized in Calhoun County

97 persons have been released from quarantine orders

112 persons have been released from isolation orders

This information is updated once daily Monday-Friday
by the Public Health Department at calhouncountymi.gov.

Calhoun County by Zip Code



Calhoun County Boundary

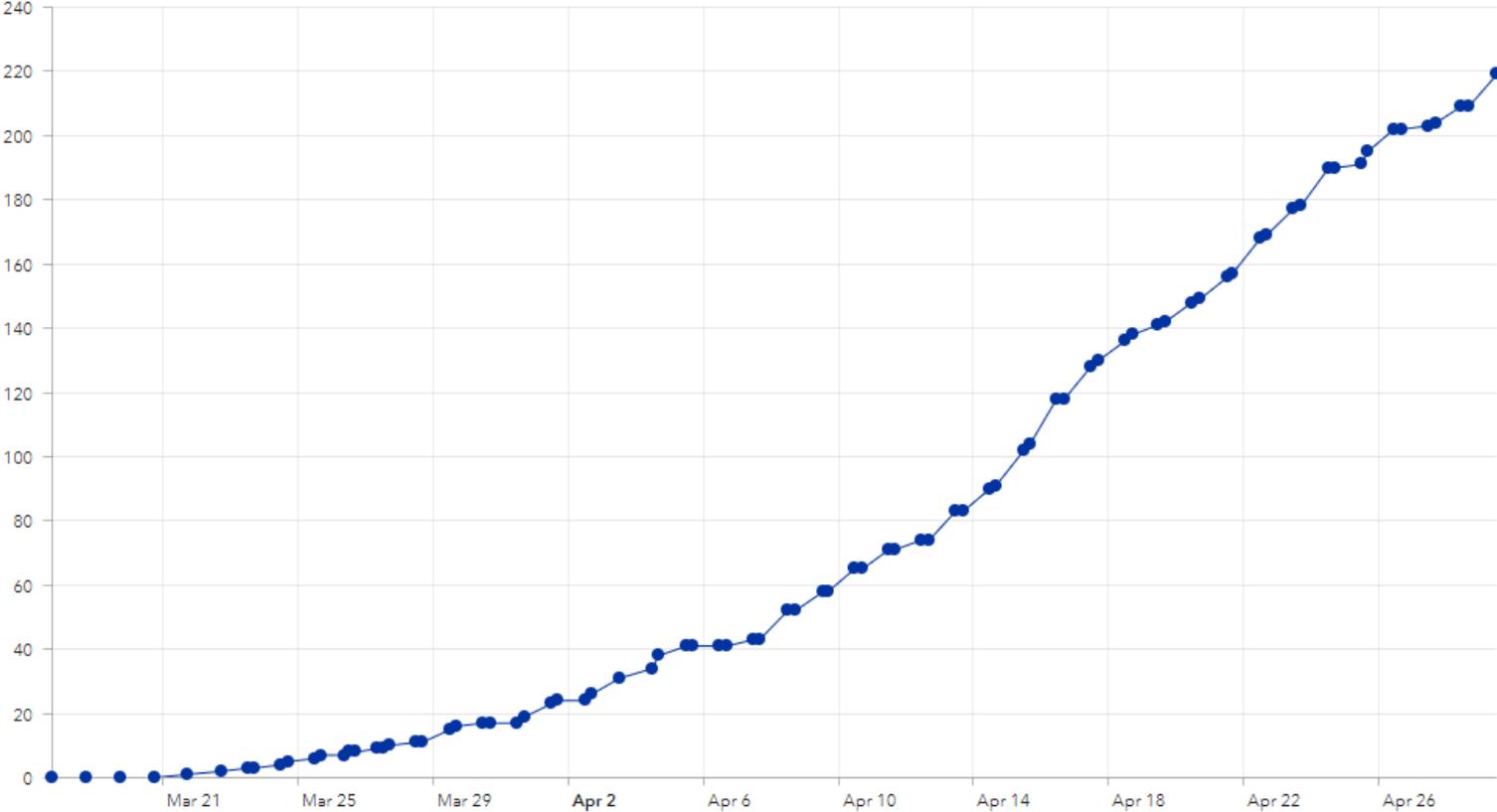


Confirmed Cases by zip code

- 0
- 1-15
- 16-30
- 31-45
- 46-60
- >60



Calhoun Confirmed Cases





Calhoun County Hospitals

Beds and Ventilator Tracking

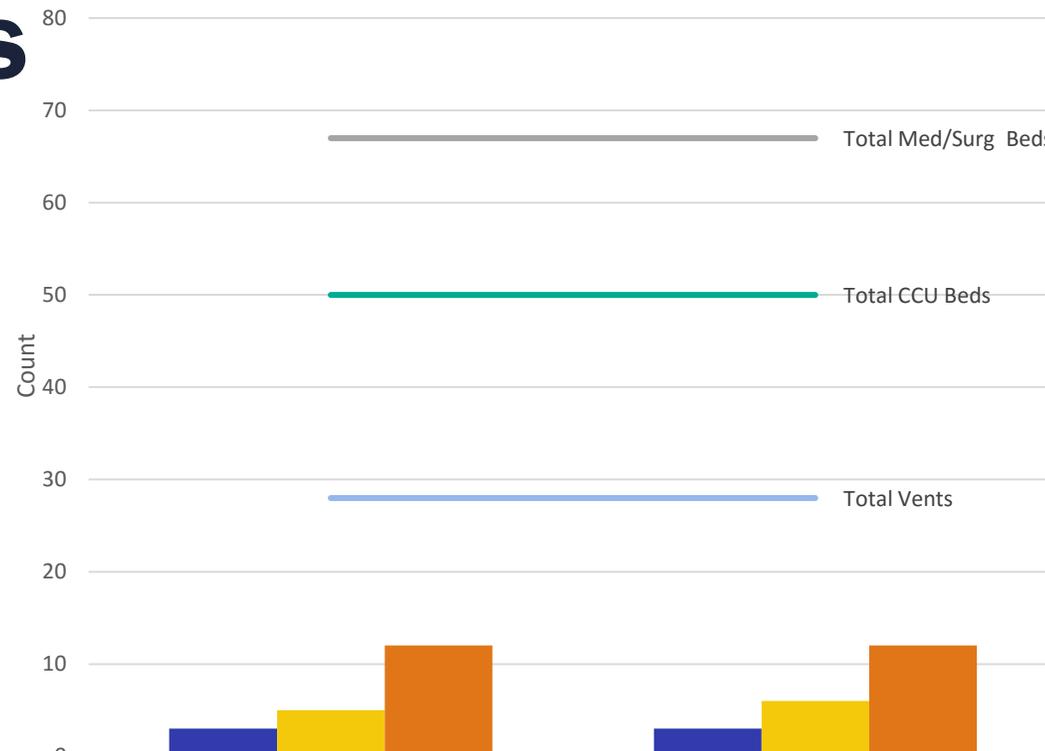
Med/Surg Beds: standard hospital beds

CCU Beds: Critical Care Unit beds

Resources Included:



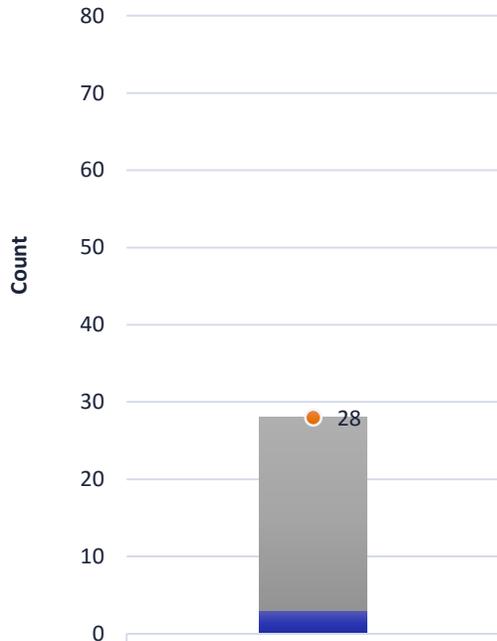
Note: VA is Currently Non-COVID-19 Care.



	28-Apr	29-Apr
COVID-19 Patients on Vents	3	3
COVID-19 Med/Surg Patients	5	6
COVID-19 CCU Patients	12	12
Total Med/Surg Beds	67	67
Total CCU Beds	50	50
Total Vents	28	28

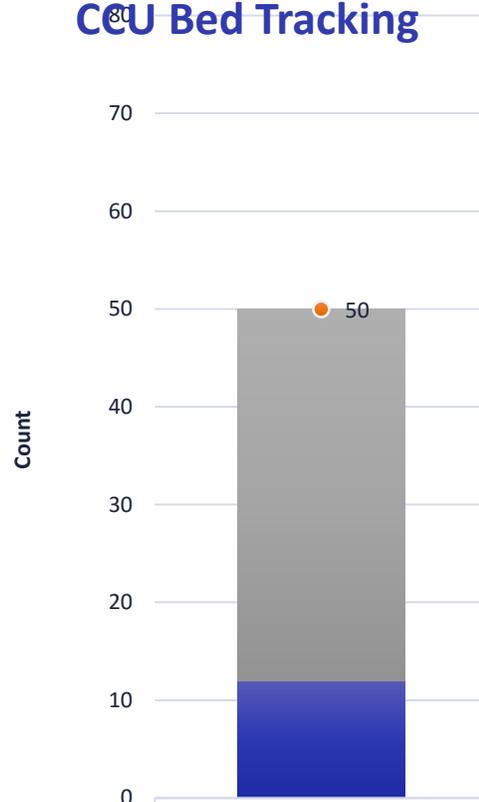


Calhoun County Hospitals Vent Tracking



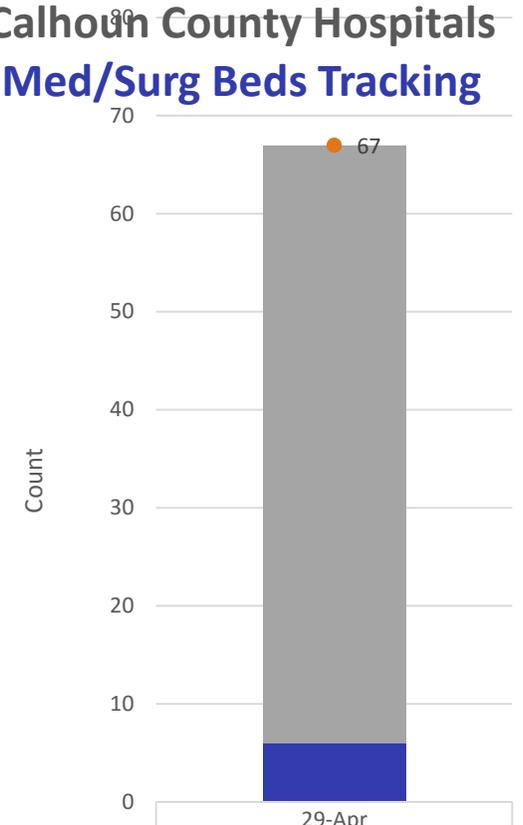
█ Vents Available	25
█ COVID-19 Patients on Vents	3
● Total Vents	28

Calhoun County Hospitals CCU Bed Tracking



█ CCU Beds Available	38
█ COVID-19 CCU Patients	12
● Total CCU Beds	50

Calhoun County Hospitals Med/Surg Beds Tracking



█ Med/Surg Beds Available	61
█ COVID-19 Med/Surg Patients	6
● Total Med/Surg Beds	67



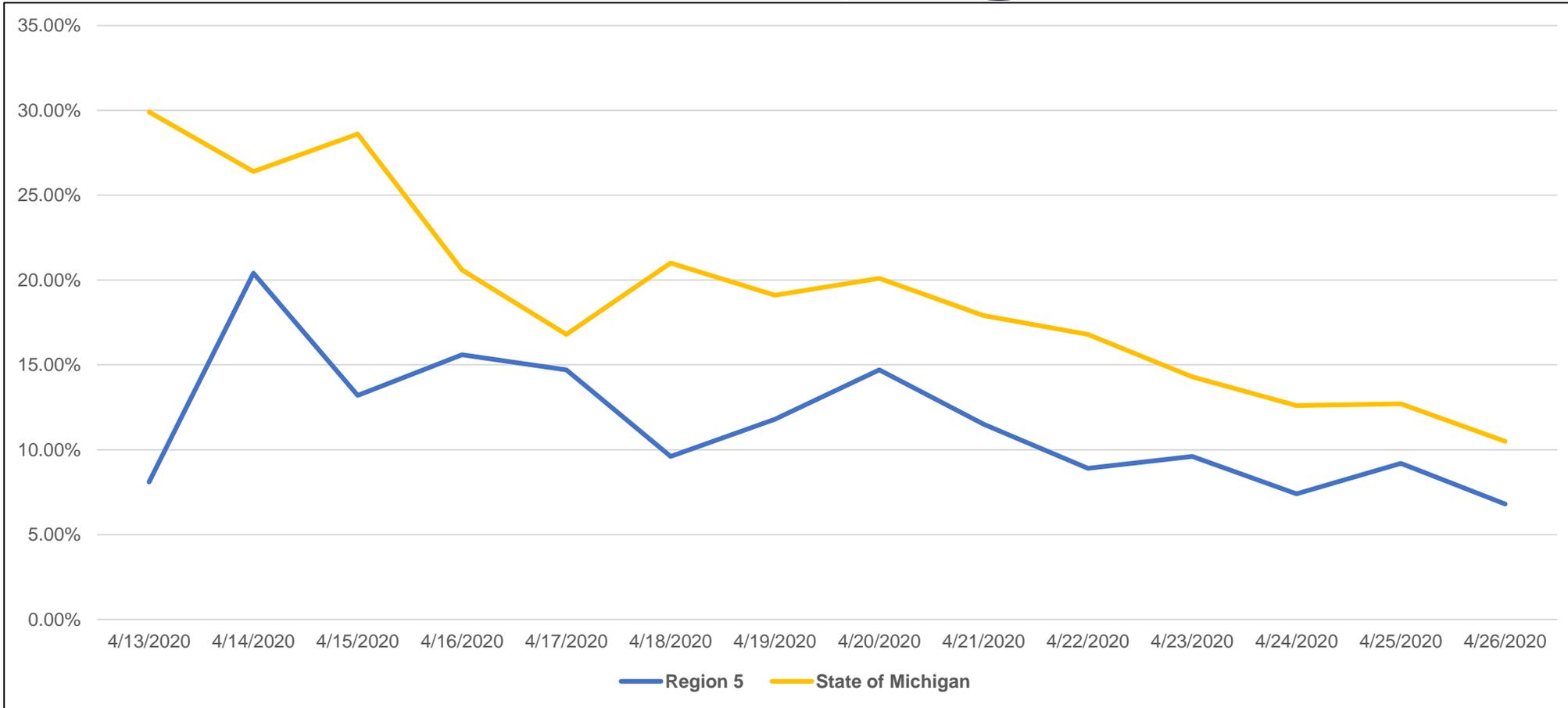
Testing and Data Limitations

As of 4/28/20:

- **2,322** persons in Calhoun County have been tested for COVID-19.
- This reflects **1.7%** of the county population.



Percent Positive Tests, Region 5 and State



Updated
4/28/20
at 9pm



Who are recent COVID cases?

- Shut down guidance is not followed 100% (good adherence is considered ~70%). Therefore, the intention is to slow the spread, not stop it.
- When getting essential needs (groceries, prescriptions), we have not been great at practicing social distancing before requirements were put into place.
- The changes recently mandated will go a long way to protect each other from asymptomatic carriers.



Joint Operations Center - Activities

Reopening strategy development ongoing

JOC is transitioning to only 9 a.m. calls, once daily (rather than twice)



United Way Disaster Relief Fund

Battle Creek Expenditures

Total raised: \$782,369

Total dispersed: \$700,386

As of April 27, 2020

Areas of Need Funded



**Combination includes funding for staffing, food and other supplies necessary to keep a critical organization running

Agencies funded:

- Battle Creek Family YMCA
 - Burma Center
 - Calhoun County
 - Calhoun ISD
 - Disability Network Southwest Michigan
 - Neighborhoods Inc. Battle Creek
 - Senior Services
 - SHARE Center
 - South Michigan Food Bank
 - Summit Pointe
 - The Haven of Rest
 - VOCES
- and others...



Joint Operations Center – Community Action

Battle Creek Transit riders are encouraged to wear masks, per the governor's latest order

Local government meetings are happening via Zoom, creates new and accessible ways for the public to engage



Current Challenges

Changes to quarantine and isolation site

- Medical need is greater than anticipated
- Transitioning to a Tier I Alternate Care Site
- Looking at options for asymptomatic persons
- Priority right now is finding funding for the increased care

Successes

For folks who need it, CareWell Services is including care-bags with Meals on Wheels deliveries. These bags include dish soap, laundry detergent, sanitizer, masks, body soap, paper towel, and toilet paper.

Sheriff's Office received mask donations for staff who needs them, both in law enforcement and corrections divisions





Vulnerable Population Working Group – Karla Fales

Masks needed for local seniors via CareWell Services and Calhoun County Senior Services

- Looking for 1500 masks, to assist as seniors reenter the community
- Donation container at Kool Family Community Center, between 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday
- 500 masks have already been received along with some donations of funds to support those sewing masks



Vulnerable Population Working Group

- **HOMELESS/UNSHELTERED PERSONS**

- 5,000 meals through Share Center for Full Blast day center and overnight shelter
- 30-40 Individuals utilizing Full Blast consistently for overnight shelter and day program
- 100 individuals/families previously unsheltered placed in hotels

- **BASIC NEEDS/FOOD (Seniors, individuals with disabilities and COVID-impacted individuals/families)**

- 145+ individuals/families received support groceries/basic needs by Adventist Community Services, Communities in School, Emmett Township, African American Coalition, Forks Senior Center, CareWell Services, Sherriff's dept and BCPD
- 70+ Commodities distributed to seniors and at-risk individuals through Community Action
- 60 boxes of healthy food, 60 Hygiene packets and 60 household items weekly through RISE
- Over 550 Meals on Wheels meals served weekly, with average of 25 new enrollments weekly
- \$3,000 in assistance (RX, utility, home repair services, DME, assistive technology) and 20+ packages of incontinence supplies
- 166 Quarantine boxes (Calhoun and Barry counties-50) and 150+ packages of toilet paper!



Law Enforcement Update – Sheriff Steven Hinkley

Mask enforcement

Speeding a problem countywide

Chiefs Update



Business Update – Kara Beer

- Governor Whitmer’s MI Safe Start for Business Announcement
- BCU grant program closed on April 22. 122 applications were submitted and 82 grants were awarded
- 70 attended the meeting with Eric Pessell on Tuesday
- City Building inspections
- Since Stay Home Stay Safe, there were 86 complaints and zero enforcement infractions



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



Comments from Elected Officials

Senator Bizon

Representative Haadsma

Representative Hall

County Elected Officials

Tribal Elected Officials

City Elected Officials

Township Elected Officials

Village Elected Officials



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



Contact Us

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