



Calhoun County Joint Information Center

Wednesday, May 27, 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

Ted Dearing, Battle Creek Assistant 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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representatives



Current Situation

As of 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 27:

There are **351** positive cases of COVID-19 in Calhoun County

There are **22** deaths reported

There are **72** cumulative hospitalizations

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



Current Situation

As of 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 27:

There are **6** persons currently hospitalized in Calhoun County

258 persons have been released from quarantine orders

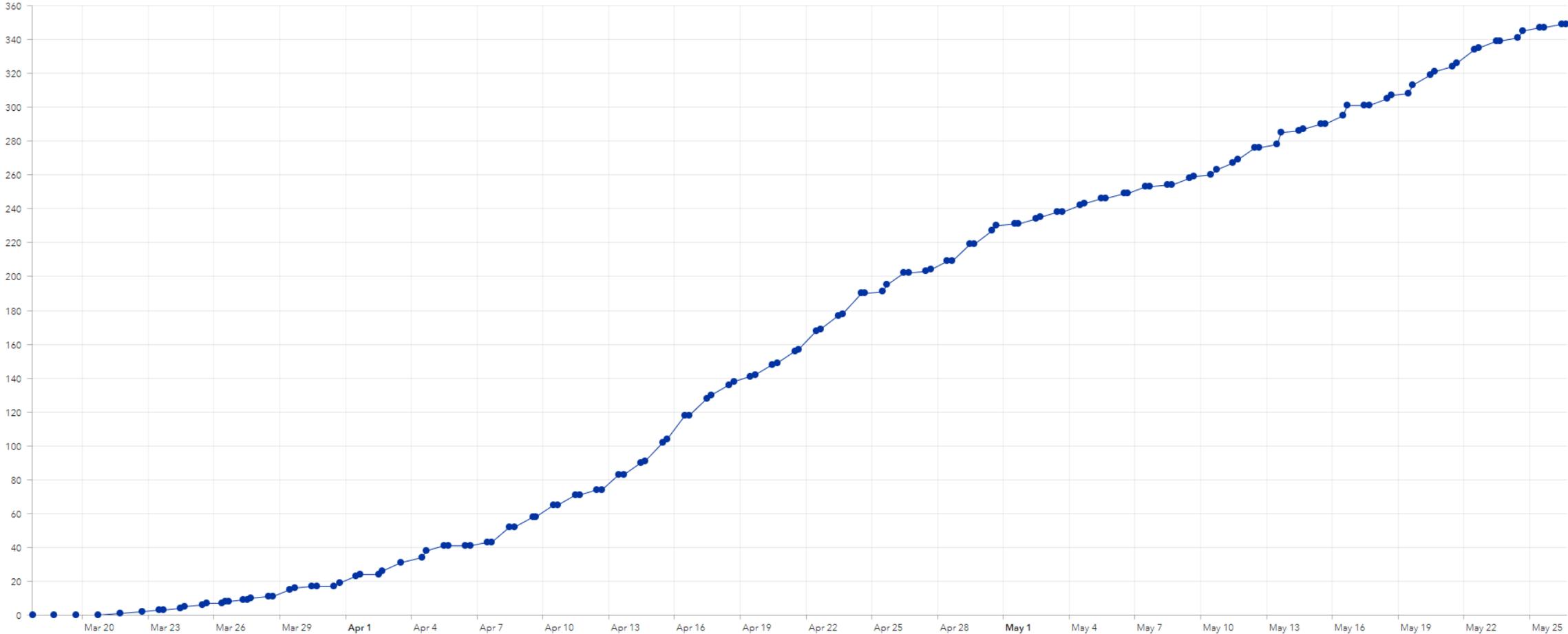
309 persons have been released from isolation orders

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by the Public Health Department at calhouncountymi.gov.



Calhoun Confirmed Cases

updated 5/27/20





Calhoun County Hospitals

Beds and Ventilator Tracking

Med/Surg Beds: standard hospital beds

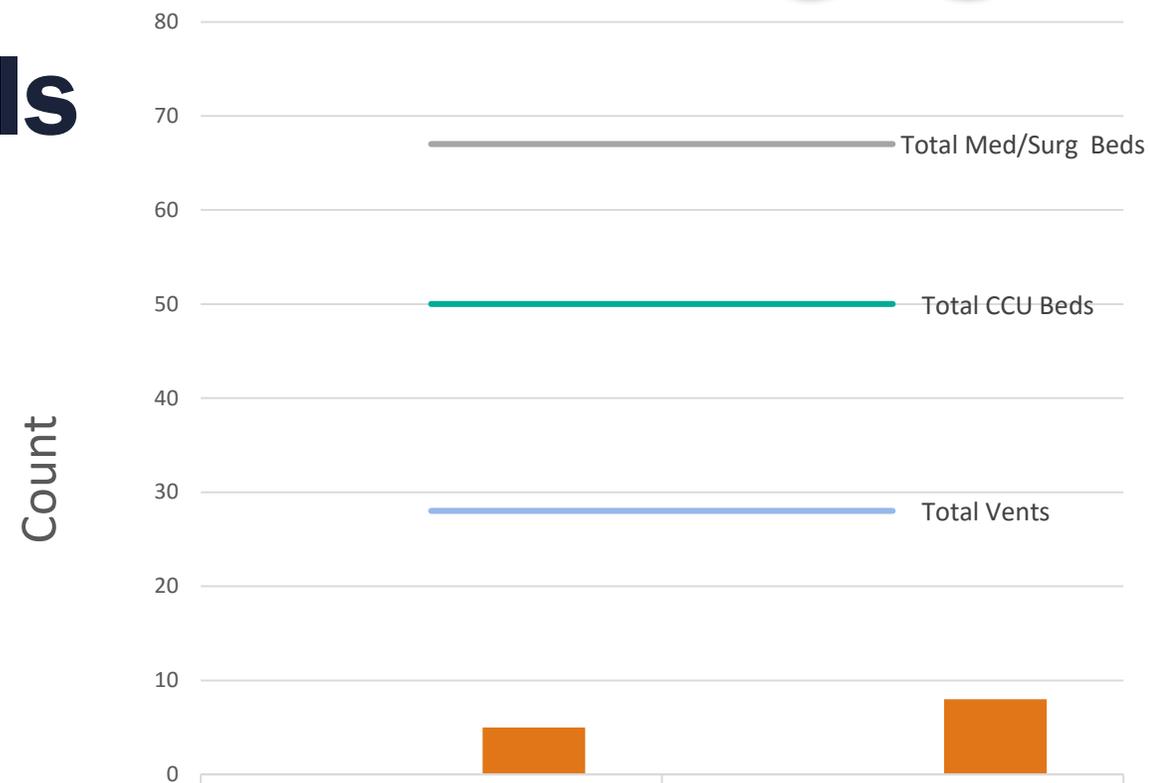
CCU Beds: Critical Care Unit beds

updated 5/27/20

Resources Included:



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

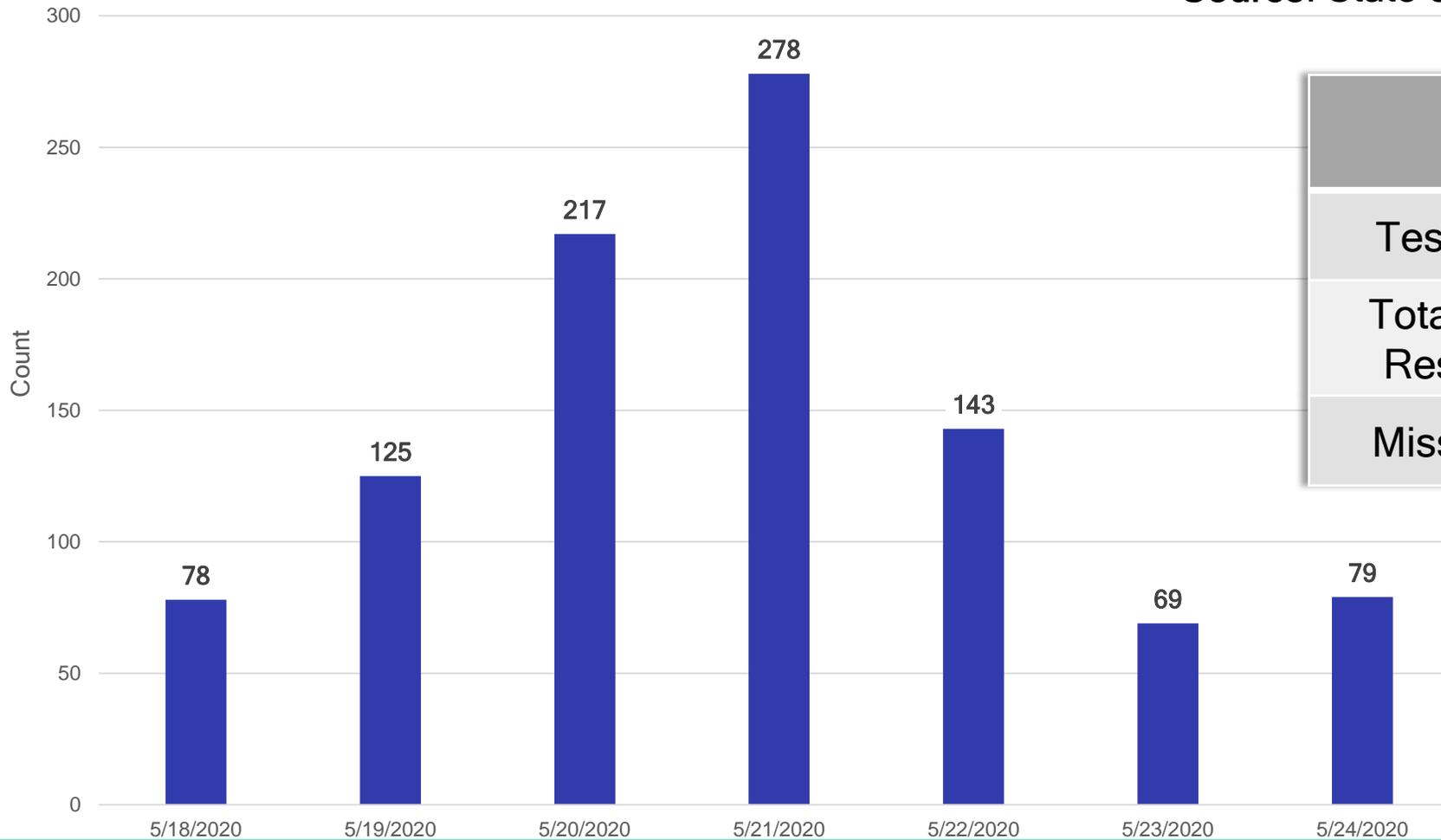


	22-May	26-May
COVID-19 Patients on Vents	0	0
COVID-19 Med/Surg Patients	0	0
COVID-19 CCU Patients	5	8
Total Med/Surg Beds	67	67
Total CCU Beds	50	50
Total Vents	28	28



Total COVID-19 Tests by Message Date*, Calhoun County

Source: State of Michigan and MAG



Weekly Testing Data, Calhoun County	
Test Goal:	1,342 test per week
Total Tests Resulted:	989 tests
Missed by:	353 tests

updated: 5/24/20

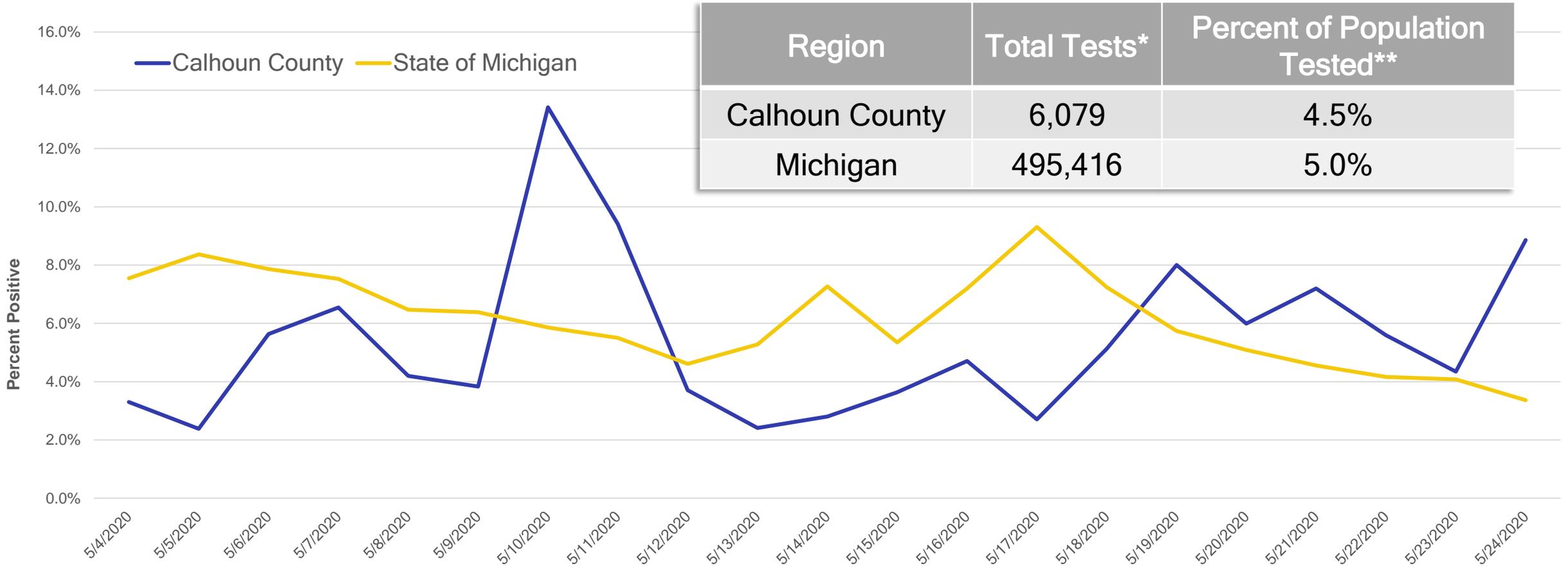
*Message Date is defined as the date in which a lab result is reported



Daily Percent Positive COVID-19 Tests by Message Date

Calhoun County and State of Michigan

Source: State of Michigan and MAG



**This data is not deduplicated, and therefore is an estimated representation of the number of persons in Calhoun County tested.

**updated 5/24/20*



Mass-Testing Event Saturday & Sunday

Collaboration with CCPHD, MI state police, & National Guard

Testing site TBD in Albion

Albion chosen as the first site for mass testing in Calhoun County to address lack of testing currently available in Albion

Future mass-testing events will be announced as they are scheduled.

ALL who attend will be tested. No physician order required.



State Resource About Reopening

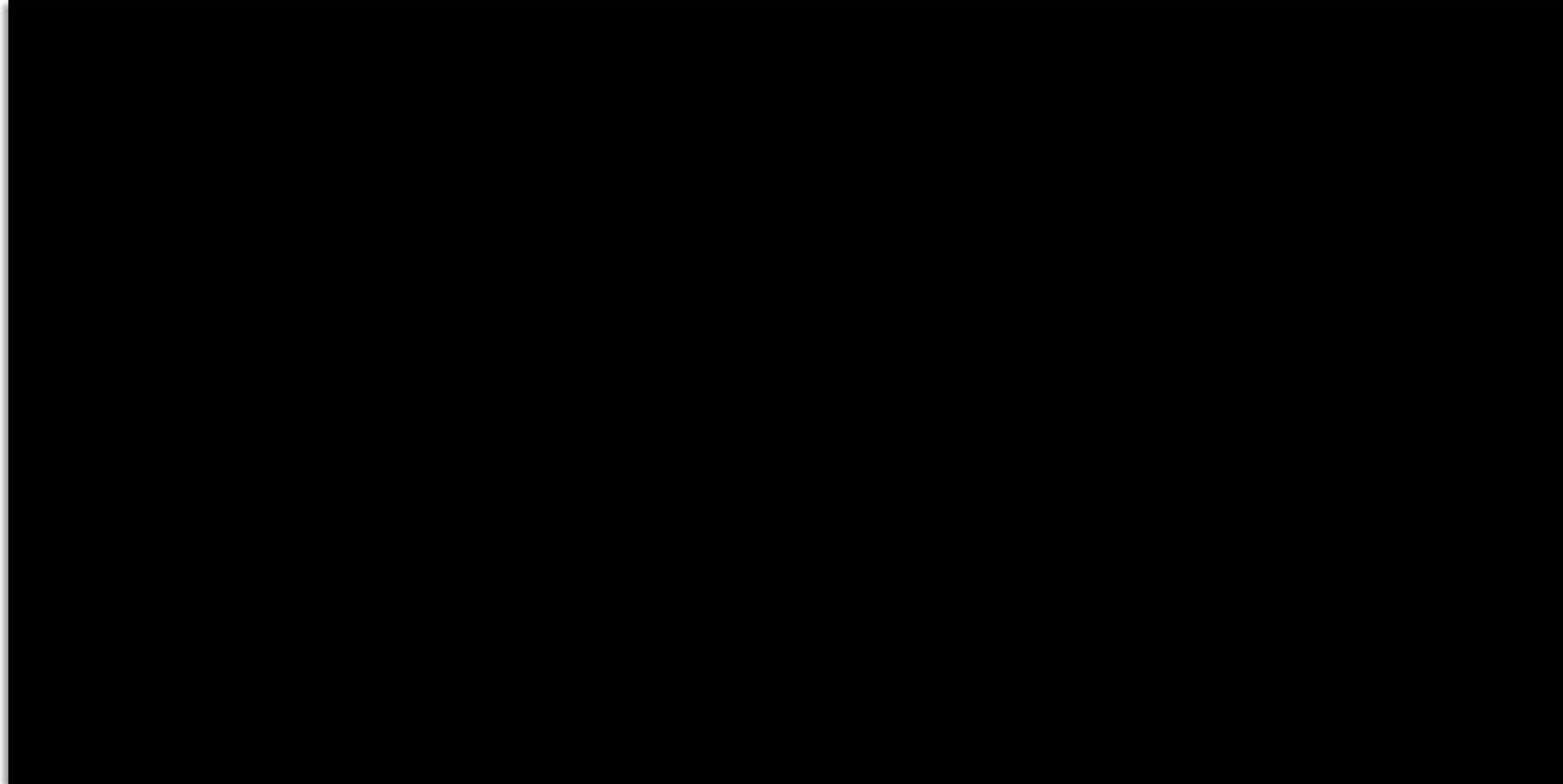
Online dashboard

- Shows regions*
- Illustrates phases
- Filters to Calhoun County

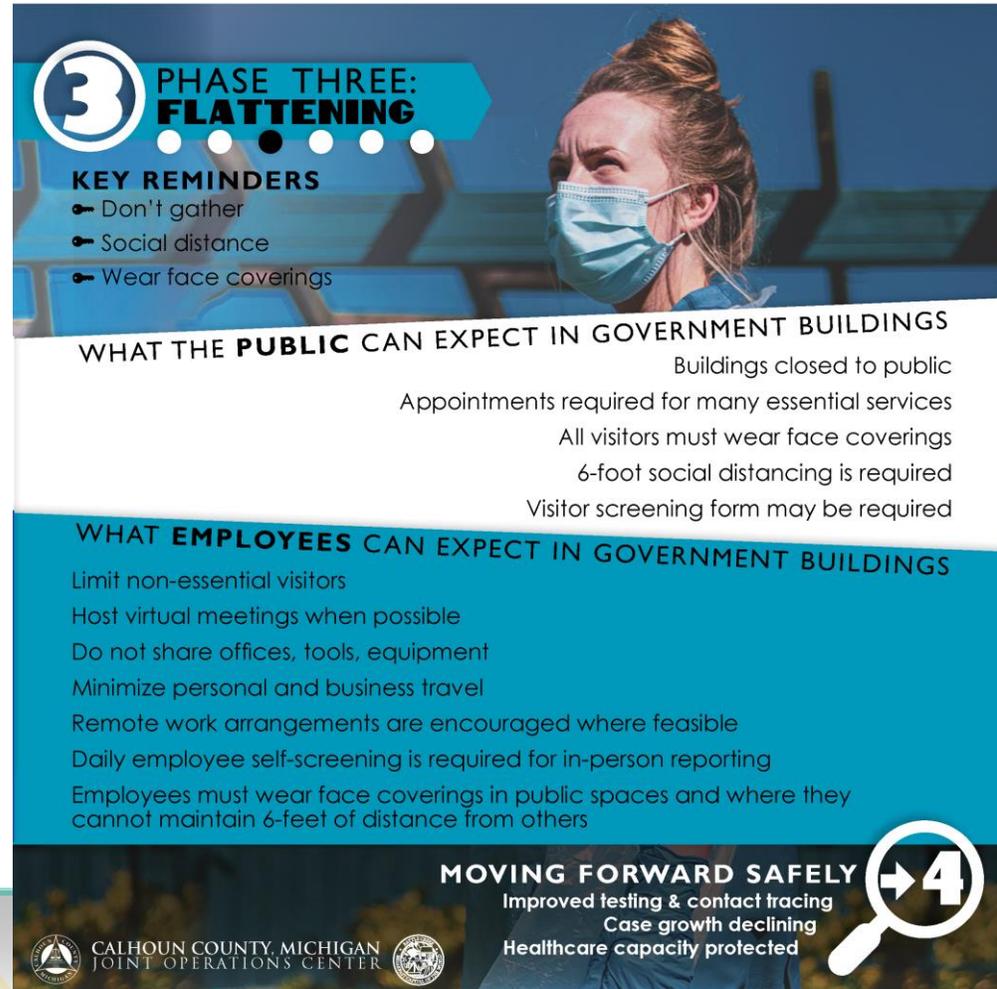
www.mistartmap.info

Note: the data projected on this dashboard lags behind the real-time data provided by CCPHD throughout this JIC discussion and online. Some variations may occur.

*Calhoun County is part of the Kalamazoo Region



Phases of Reopening



3 PHASE THREE: FLATTENING

KEY REMINDERS

- Don't gather
- Social distance
- Wear face coverings

WHAT THE PUBLIC CAN EXPECT IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

- Buildings closed to public
- Appointments required for many essential services
- All visitors must wear face coverings
- 6-foot social distancing is required
- Visitor screening form may be required

WHAT EMPLOYEES CAN EXPECT IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

- Limit non-essential visitors
- Host virtual meetings when possible
- Do not share offices, tools, equipment
- Minimize personal and business travel
- Remote work arrangements are encouraged where feasible
- Daily employee self-screening is required for in-person reporting
- Employees must wear face coverings in public spaces and where they cannot maintain 6-feet of distance from others

MOVING FORWARD SAFELY → 4

- Improved testing & contact tracing
- Case growth declining
- Healthcare capacity protected

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Calhoun County Safe Start

In past, we've had a slide about allowable activities with governor's recent orders. We put together a slideshow that covers some of those. (1:45)

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Vet Appointments





Changes to Calhoun County JIC Schedule

Starting next week, June 1, Calhoun County Joint Information Center briefings will occur:

- Mondays via email
- Wednesdays via Zoom call (this briefing)
- Thursdays via email, as necessary

Anyone can sign up for JIC briefing emails at calhouncountymi.gov



Law Enforcement Update – Sheriff Steven Hinkley

Corrections Update

0 Positive Cases Inside The Facility

2 Positive Have Recovered

96 Inmates Tested - Statewide Initiative

E.O. 2020-101

Executive Order Extending Validity of Existing Watercraft Registration



Law Enforcement Update – Sheriff Steven Hinkley

Summer Water Safety

Holiday Weekend - 5 River Rescues

Some river systems are high due to the influx of recent rain which means fast-moving water and obscured dangers such as fallen trees that were once visible, now hidden from view. The two combined can mean a suddenly capsized boat.

As such we strongly recommend avoiding the river systems at this time.



Water Safety Tips – Sheriff Steven Hinkley

- Wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket. Choose one that matches your adventure, be it boating, fishing, hunting, or watersports.
- Check safety equipment and make sure your boat has items like throwable flotation devices and fire extinguishers.
- Use an engine cutoff device. An engine cutoff is a safety device that will stop the boats engine if the operator should fall overboard unexpectedly.
- Keep an eye on the weather. Always check the weather forecast before departing onto the water and during the excursion.
- Be aware of your surroundings. According to the National Safe Boating Council, nearly one-quarter of all boating accidents in 2018 were caused by operator inattention or improper lookout.
- Always travel at a safe speed. Know your local boating speed zones and travel at a prudent speed.
- Keep in mind the high water levels on inland lakes. With heavy rainfalls some lakes are higher than normal which can mean damage to property. The operator of a vessel is not only responsible for the vessel but the wake or swell caused by it during reckless or negligent operation.
- Never boat under the influence. Boating under the influence is involved in one-third of all recreational boating fatalities. Deputies will be out on the water and will be vigilant for boaters operating while intoxicated. This is a reminder that the legal limit for the vessel operator is .08 and if you operate a boat while over the limit you are subject to arrest for the safety of others on the water.



Business Update – Kara Beer

All businesses are required to have a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. Must submit via website, internal network, or hard copy within 2 weeks of resuming in-person activities

- **Albion:** Today holding Small Business Opening Discussion about using outdoor spaces
- **Battle Creek:** BCU has provided \$1.6M in direct support to 161 small businesses and non-profits in Battle Creek
- **Marshall:** Have received donations of masks for local businesses, developing marketing plan about reopening



Updates from Elected Officials – Future JICs

On 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



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