Calhoun County
Joint Information Center

Wednesday, September 30, 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
- Please let PIOs know if you have questions.

Unified Command Team

Kelli Scott, Calhoun County Administrator/Controller

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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

Current Situation - Brigette

Confirmed Cases - Brigette

Changes to CCPHD Services - Brigette

Flu Shot Clinics - Brigette

Executive Orders - Kelli

Full Blast Update - Rebecca

Halloween Planning – Rebecca

Food/Supply Distribution - Rebecca

Comments from Representatives- Open to Elected Officials or their representatives

Current Situation

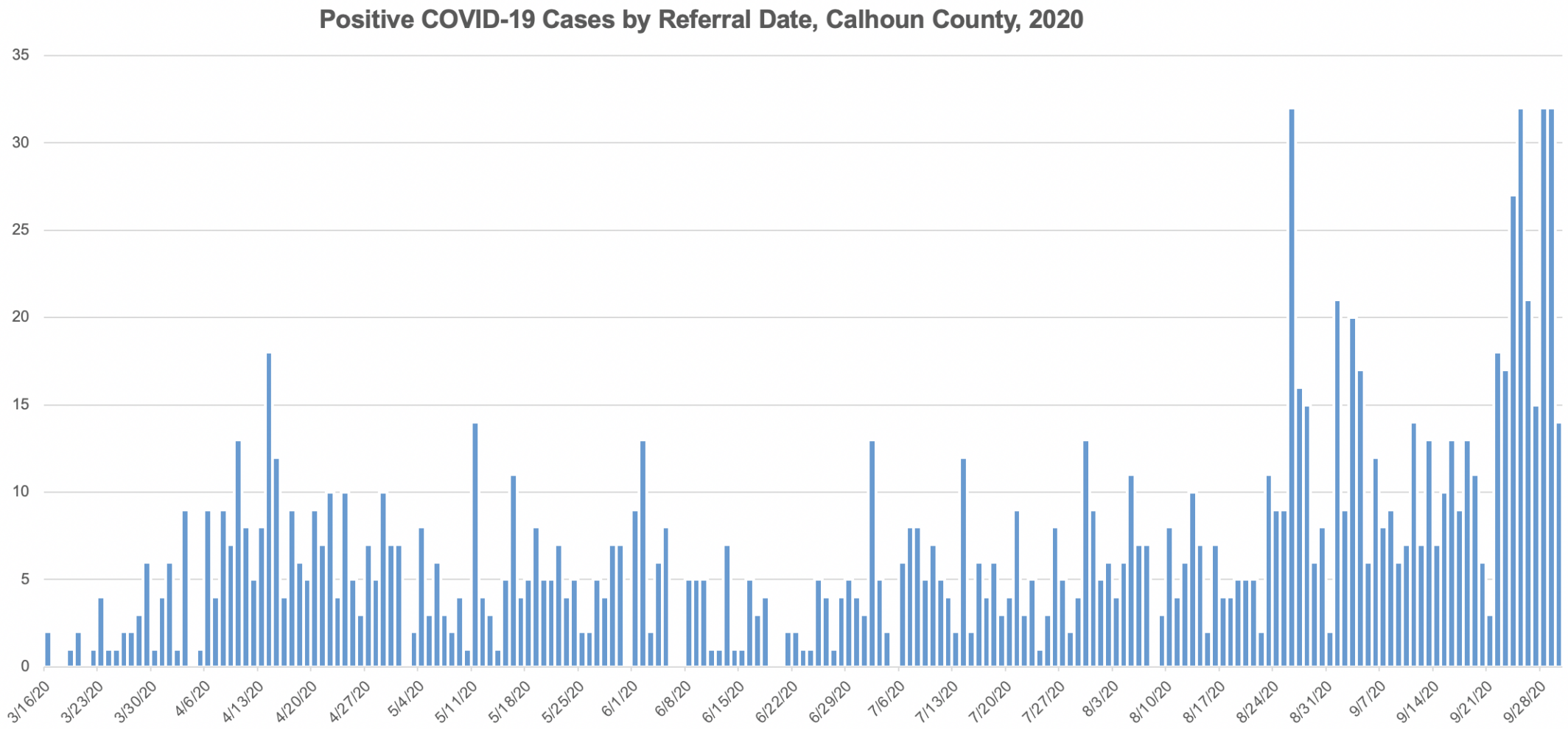
As of Noon, Wednesday, Sept. 30:

There are **1324** positive cases of COVID-19 in Calhoun County
There are **45** deaths reported
There are **9** persons currently hospitalized in Calhoun County
975 persons have been released from isolation orders

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

Calhoun Confirmed Cases

updated 9/30/20



Recent Sources of Cases

Gatherings continue to be the primary source of recent cases:

- Family gatherings, such as weddings, funerals, birthday parties
- Religious services

What we see, important to remember, these gatherings impact not just the participants but the individuals who make them possible.

That's why it's important to keep gatherings to as few people as possible.

Changes to CCPHD Services

Beginning Thursday, the CCPHD will focus clinical services on Flu Vaccinations, Immunizations, and TB Testing.

Revised Clinic schedules are as follows:

- **Albion:** Monday and Tuesday, 8-12:30 & 1-4:30 (last appointment at 3:30); and Friday 8am – Noon
- **Battle Creek:** Monday – Thursday, 8-12:30 & 1-4:30 (last appointment at 3:30), and Friday 8am-Noon

Flu Shots Available, Clinics

Call the Public Health Department and schedule a flu vaccine or attend one of the following flu clinics scheduled below. Find finalized information about this on the CCPHD Facebook Page.

- Thursday, Oct. 1, 8:30 a.m.-Noon
  Toeller Building Front Parking Lot; Drive-up Flu
- Wednesday, Oct. 7; 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
  Northside Pediatric, Drive-Up Flu
- Thursday, Oct. 8; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
  Toeller Building Front Parking Lot; Drive-up Flu
- Friday, Oct. 9; 8 a.m.-Noon
  Albion Health Department, Drive-Up Flu

Call the Public Health Department at 269-969-6990

Executive Orders Update

- EO 183 takes effect 12:01 a.m. on Oct. 9
  - Indoor theaters, cinemas, performance venues may open
  - Facilities like amusement parks, arcades, bingo halls, bowling centers, roller/ice rinks, water parks may open
- Residential venue gatherings - 10 or fewer indoors; 100 or fewer outdoors
- Non-residential indoor/outdoor gatherings limit attendance to a percentage of capacity or square footage
- Organized sports - Live audience limited to 2 guests per athlete; no concessions may be sold at indoor venues

Full Blast Update

- City's **Full Blast Recreation Center reopens Monday, Oct. 5**
- Hours are 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday
- Visitor COVID screening & temperature taken
- Masks required; follow distancing guides
- Fitness Center open – equipment spaced further apart
- Courts open – two spectators per athlete for organized sports
- 25 percent capacity
- Front desk will sell Battle Creek Transit passes
- Fall programs pending

BATTLE CREEK RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Halloween Planning

- CDC labels trick-or-treating high risk: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween
- MDHHS offers advice to participate safely: https://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-29942-540429--,00.html
- **Locally, still discussing community message & whether events can take place (BCPD Trunk or Treat)**

Food/Supply Distribution Continues

- Good work continues across Calhoun County communities
- Restoration Life Church - food distribution by Faith-Based Coalition and CareWell Services
- Northside families/Washington Heights UMC - 150 boxes distributed by Faith-Based Coalition & RISE
- Eastside families/St. Mark CME - 100 boxes distributed by Faith-Based Coalition & RISE

Food/Supply Distribution - CareWell

- CareWell Services still purchasing groceries, delivering medications, meeting other needs for COVID-positive families, or those isolated/quarantined
- Distributing 150 food boxes per week with Food Bank to Senior High Rises (rotating, so each gets monthly delivery), with extra boxes to Haven/SHARE Center
- Weekly food distribution in Homer
- Transitioning to work with PHD to increase flu vaccinations in older adults

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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