



Calhoun County Joint Information Center

Wednesday, April 15, 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

Current Situation-Eric Pessell

Data Reported Differently-Eric

Current Modeling Explained-Lauren Smith

Response Trajectory Phases-Eric

Activities-Rebecca Fleury

Quarantine/Isolation-Kelli Scott

Community Action-Rebecca/Kelli

Current Challenges-Eric

Successes-Jessica VanderKolk

Law Enforcement Update-Sheriff Hinkley

Business Update-Kara Beer

Comments from Representatives-Open to
Elected Officials or their representatives

- Pennfield, Dave Morgan



Current Situation

As of 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 15:

There are 102 positive cases of COVID-19 in Calhoun County

There are 3 deaths reported

There are 38 cumulative hospitalizations

Cumulative data is now available

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



Data Reported Differently

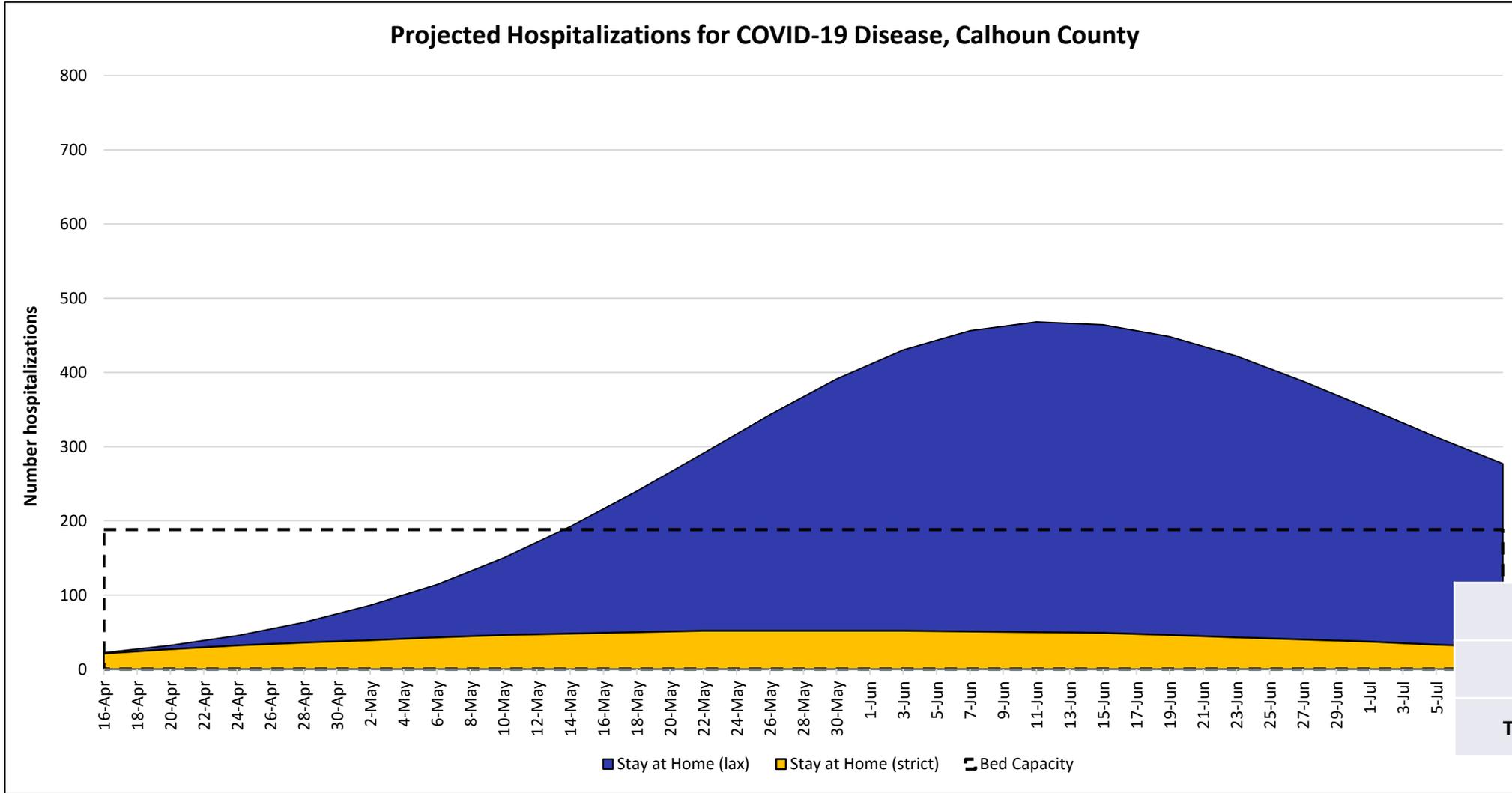
Now that more data is collected, the CCPHD is able to share cumulative data on age, gender, and race.

Total Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Calhoun County by Sex

Sex	Cases	Percent
Male	39	43.3%
Female	51	56.7%

Total Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Calhoun County by Age Group

Age Group	Cases	Percent of Total Cases
0-29	9	10.0%
30-39	12	13.3%
40-49	23	25.6%
50-59	18	20.0%
60-69	11	12.2%
70-80+	17	18.9%



**Updated
April 14th at
8 p.m.**

Peak SAH Lax Hospitalizations	468
Peak SAH Strict Hospitalizations	52
Total Bed Capacity	188

Source: COVID Act Now



Response Trajectory Phases



- Goals:** Save lives by
- Slow spread
 - Increasing testing
 - Ensuring healthcare system has capacity
- Triggers to move to phase 2:**
- Sustained reduction of cases
 - Hospitals can treat all w/o resorting to crisis standards
 - State is able to test all people with COVID-19 symptoms
 - The state is conducting active monitoring of confirmed cases

- Goals:** Carefully
- Lift strict physical distancing measures
 - Allow majority of businesses and schools to open
 - Avoid reverting back to Phase 1
- Triggers to move to phase 3:**
- A vaccine has been developed, tested for safety and efficacy, and receives FDA approval

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| <p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent infection • Treat those with early onset • Build population immunity • Lift all distancing measures | <p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Months to develop vaccines, not years • Modernize healthcare system • Establish National Infectious Disease Forecasting center |
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Source: American Enterprise Institute



Joint Operations Center - Activities

Resources shared, such as Peer Support Line, shared by behavioral health professionals

Requests fulfilled by logistics and sustainability team w/ JOC

Conversations happening between groups, such as Long-Term Care Facilities and Public Health Department, Law Enforcement and Business Leaders, etc.



If you need to talk, we're here to listen.

Certified Peer Support Specialist Warmline

For persons with mental health conditions in Michigan.

The Certified Peer Support Specialist Warmline is a peer run phone service providing peer support, resource referral and shared experience of recovery and hope.

- When you need someone to talk to
- When you want to share your triumphs or challenges
- When you feel alone
- When you feel like others just don't understand

Call 888-PEER-753 (888-733-7753)
10 a.m. - 2 a.m., 7 days a week





Quarantine and Isolation Regional Site

- Calhoun County has a lease agreement with a local hotel for:
 - COVID-19 positive individuals needing isolation
 - Individuals awaiting test results needing to quarantine
- Criteria for stay is determined by CDC and FEMA; Health Officer orders outline rules for residents and the public
- Meals, supplies, cleaning and laundry are provided, along with 24/7 security
- Cost is eligible for FEMA 75% reimbursement
- Offering excess room capacity to other counties



Joint Operations Center – Community Action

Encourage viewing of UCT AccessVision program - <http://accessvision.tv/file/18586>

Volunteers needed - please see April 14 press release

Check on friends and family: BCRC reports 15% increase in calls to National Suicide Prevention Hotline from 269 area code

Tall grass violations not enforced - non-essential; EO allows people to mow their lawns

Can use kayaks/canoes; motorized boating prohibited

What can I do? graphic - <https://www.battlecreekmi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7148/governor-executive-order-2020-42>



Current Challenges

Need for Increased Testing

- Would allow us to track and contain the virus

Commitment to Stay Home Order

- Contains the virus and slows the spread
- Best thing people can do right now

Successes

Large shipment of PPE received, which will fulfill the requests for gloves

Numerous police/fire organizations celebrating birthdays

FireKeepers Casino lighting windows with a heart during coronavirus

eXp Realty - moving forward w/ remote office, listings, tours

Omega Castings - 3D printing

donating ear protectors to

medical staff





Law Enforcement Update – Sheriff Steven Hinkley

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2020-42

Temporary requirement to suspend activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life

Rescission of Executive Order 2020-21

Calhoun County Police Chiefs Update

Law Enforcement Meal Delivery Support



Business Update – Kara Beer

- Continually providing assistance and guidance to local businesses and employees to ensure access to relief funding and provide awareness and resources where necessary.
- Calhoun County Health Department, Eric Pessell presented a zoom meeting with business leaders to answer specific questions.
- Communication continuing with small and large companies on a daily basis as to local needs and understanding.
- Establishing Collaborative Marketing and Communication Strategy for Business and Economic Development



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



Pennfield *Charter Township*

- All offices are closed to the public but operating as normal
- Fire Department and Sheriff Departments are operating at 100% capacity
- Water & Sewer Departments are operating at 100% capacity
- All Departments are fully supplied with PPE
- Pennfield School System serving Free Lunches M-W-F 11:30 - 12:00



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-

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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