



Calhoun County Joint Information Center

Wednesday, April 22, 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

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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

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- Pennfield, Dave Morgan



Current Situation

As of 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 22:

There are 166 positive cases of COVID-19 in Calhoun County

There are 6 deaths reported

There are 45 cumulative hospitalizations

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



Data Reporting Expanded

Data breakdowns and interactive visuals are available on the county website.

Twice Daily

Total laboratory confirmed cases

Total deaths

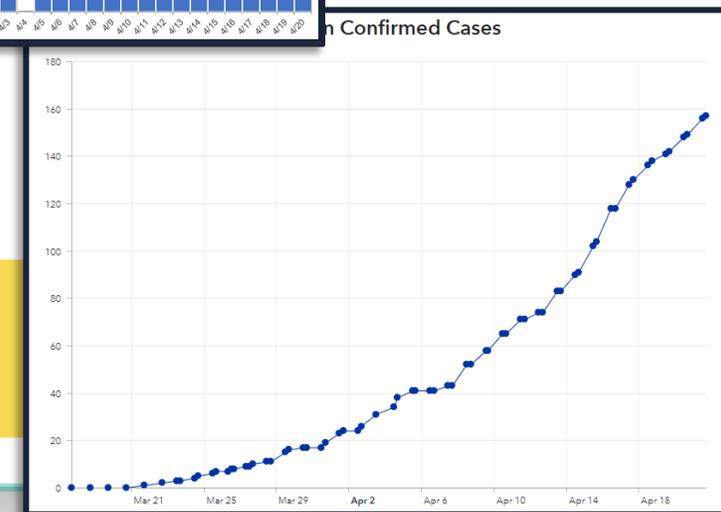
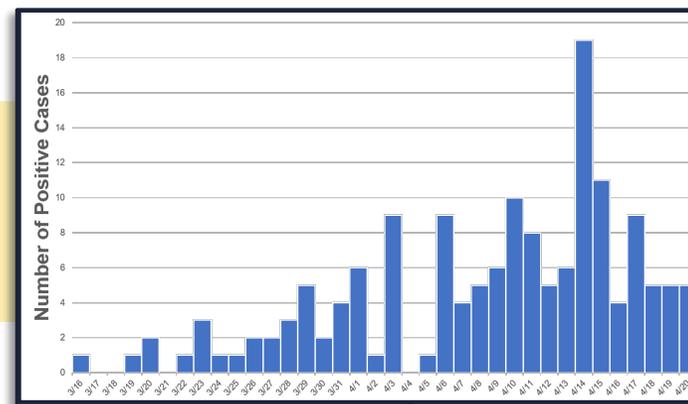
Total hospitalizations

Once Daily

Age Groups
Male/Female
Reported Race
Epidemiological Curve

Current hospitalizations

Graph of Confirmed Cases/Interactive Dashboard with Calhoun & Michigan data





Calhoun County Hospitals

Beds and Ventilator Tracking

Med/Surg Beds: standard hospital beds

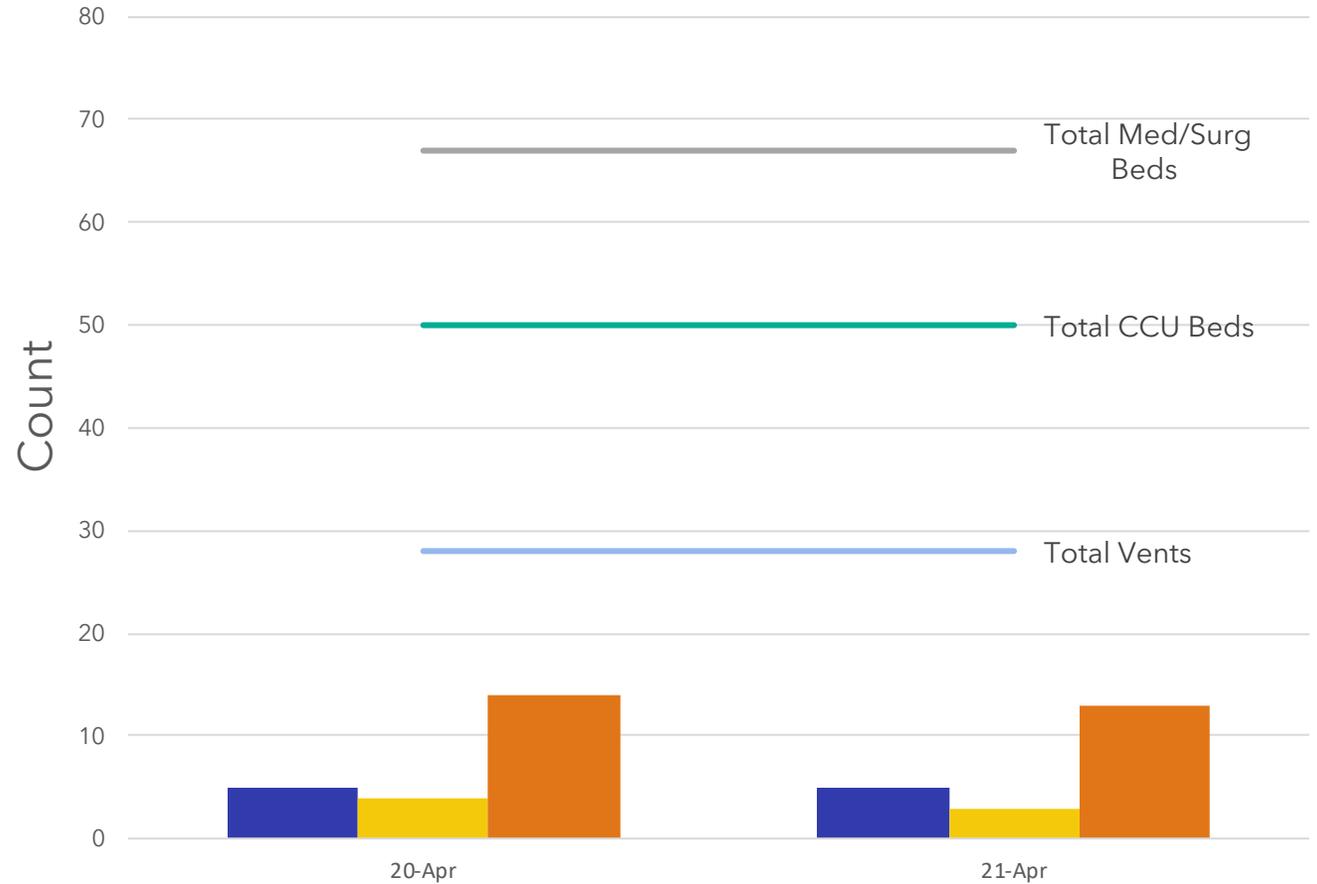
CCU Beds: Critical Care Unit beds

Resources Included:



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

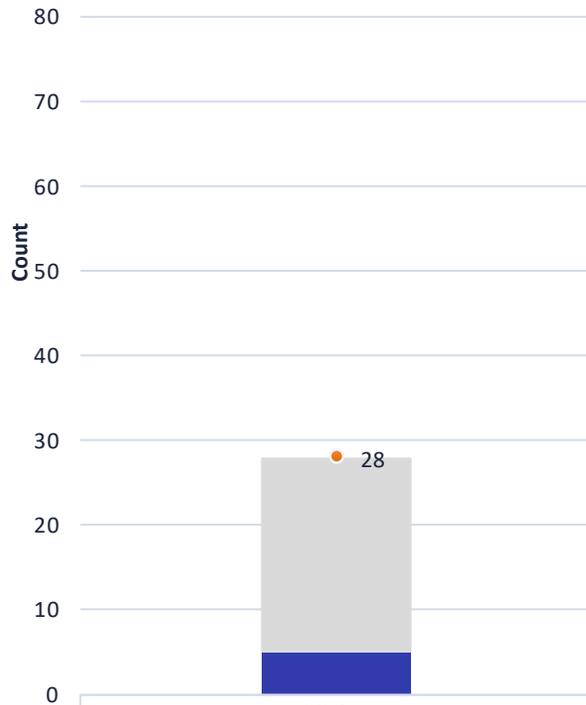
	4/20/20	4/21/20
COVID-19 Patients on Ventilators	5	5
COVID-19 Med/Surg Patients	4	3
COVID-19 CCU Patients	14	13
Total Ventilators	67	67
Total Med/Surg Beds	67	67
Total CCU Beds	50	50





Calhoun County Hospitals Vent Tracking

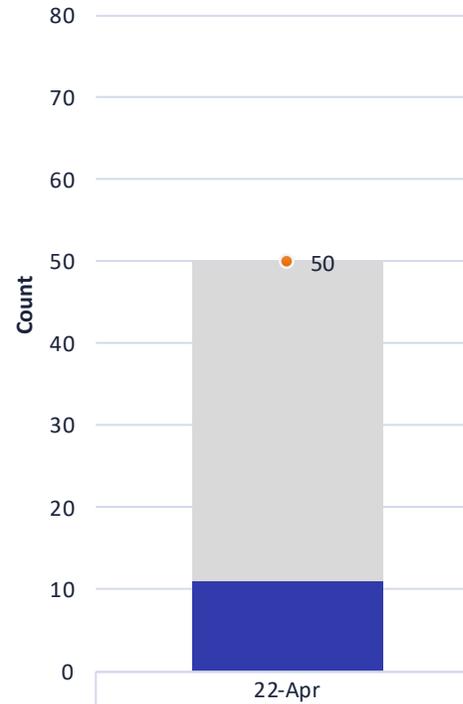
Included: BBC & Oaklawn
VA is Currently Non-COVID Care



Vents Available	23
COVID-19 Patients on Vents	5
Total Vents	28

Calhoun County Hospitals CCU Bed Tracking

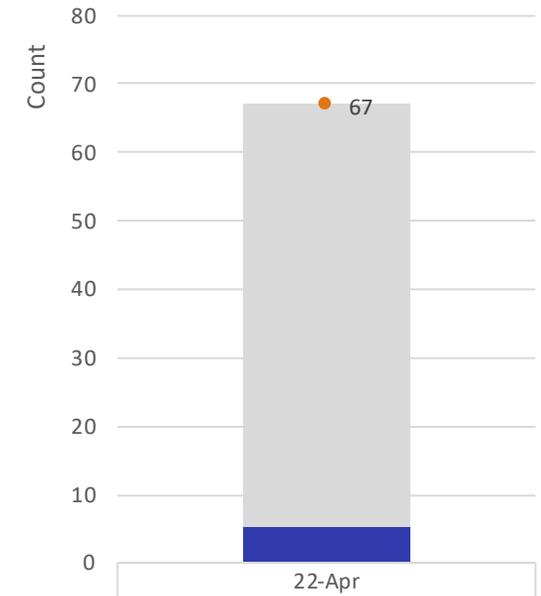
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VA is Currently Non-COVID Care



CCU Beds Available	39
COVID-19 CCU Patients	11
Total CCU Beds	50

Calhoun County Hospitals Med/Surg Beds Tracking

Included: BBC & Oaklawn
VA is Currently Non-COVID Care



Med/Surg Beds Available	62
COVID-19 Med/Surg Patients	5
Total Med/Surg Beds	67



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

- Goals:**
- Prevent infection
 - Treat those with early onset
 - Build population immunity
 - Lift all distancing measures

- Goals:**
- Months to develop vaccines, not years
 - Modernize healthcare system
 - Establish National Infectious Disease Forecasting center

Source: American Enterprise Institute



Criteria for Reopening

As outlined by Governor Whitmer

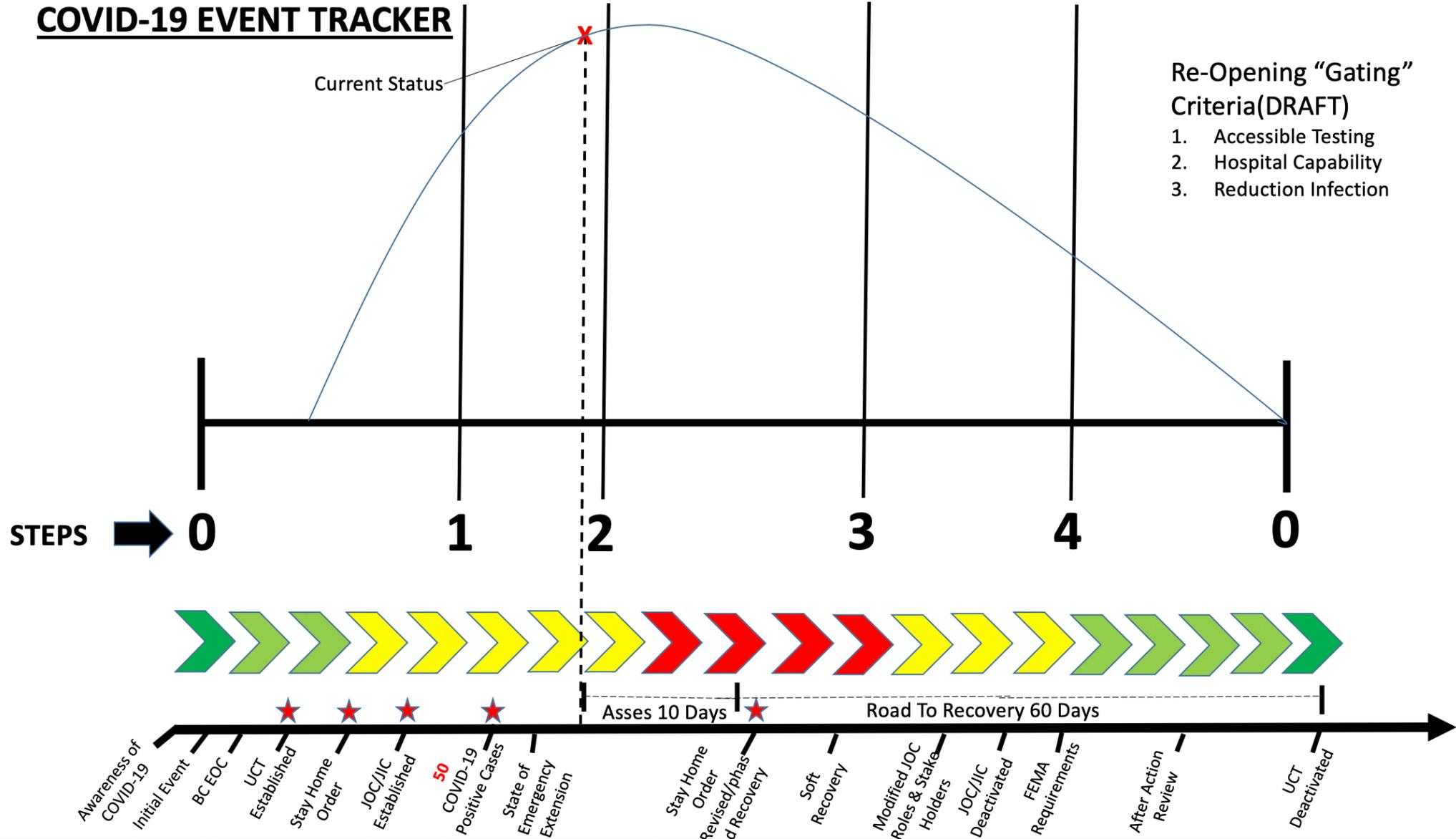
Further guidance for “potential workplace controls” is expected to be issued in the coming days.

1. A sustained reduction in infection rate
Daily reported numbers of new laboratory confirmed cases statewide is less than previous for a uninterrupted period of time.
2. Test and trace ability
Testing is available for all people with COVID-19 symptoms
3. Healthcare capacity to handle a potential resurgence in patients
Hospitals/Healthcare facilities can treat all new patients without resorting to crisis standards of care
4. Workplace protocols to keep workers safe.
Example procedure points: Phased opening of businesses (within companies, smaller, less populated areas first). Routine check-in requirements for employees (sign-in, symptom and temperature screening). Sanitation supplies (gloves/hand sanitizer) readily available. Cleaning routines for open common areas. Staggered shift starts.

Criteria were developed by the Michigan Economic Recovery Council



COVID-19 EVENT TRACKER





Joint Operations Center - Activities

Countywide reopening criteria being developed with local leaders

Adding crucial stakeholders to JOC briefings, such as local court administrators and Department of Corrections liaison

All PPE requests have been filled that have come through the JOC, with the exception of gowns



Post Plant Outbreak

- 10 confirmed cases
- CCPHD is in contact w/ positive cases
- Working with Post and monitoring the situation

Statement from Post

The safety of our employees is our top priority. We recently have a total of 10 positive COVID-19 cases at our Battle Creek plant and we took immediate steps to contact all employees that have had close contact with these individuals. We have asked these employees to self-quarantine for 14 days and all will continue to be paid during that time – no employees will need to use sick time or PTO while they are out. We also followed our world class health and safety practices to perform a deep clean of the facility, including all common areas, as well as all areas of the facility where these employees worked. Over the past several weeks, we have increased our cleaning frequencies, staggered shifts, and implemented social distancing. We have also started performing temperature checks for all employees entering the facility, and have supplied all employees with face masks in an effort to reduce the likelihood of illness.

The FDA states that there is no evidence that food or food packaging is associated with the transmission of COVID-19. Maintaining our high safety standards, food production continues at all of our Post plants.



Joint Operations Center – Community Action

Law Enforcement message on AccessVision starting today

Numerous fraud schemes, phishing attempts, etc., recommend community be careful about who they share personal information with

Translated resources are available on the City of Battle Creek website

- American Sign Language
- Burmese
- Spanish



Current Challenges

Loss of Revenue for Local Governments

- Very concerning
- Looking at all funding options
- Having to consider how to cover expected shortfalls

Successes

Through the Joint Operations Center, PPE was delivered to Integrated Health Partners practices countywide

Also, as of April 21, over 4,000 meals have been delivered to seniors in need since the start of the JOC





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



Business Update – Kara Beer

- The Rent and Mortgage Assistance Program (RMAP) by Battle Creek's Small Business Development team will provide rent support to stabilize small businesses within targeted commercial districts.
- BCU \$250,000 grant program for small businesses and nonprofits is open and specific to City of Battle Creek and applications close on April 22. To date there are over 100 applications submitted
- MAEDA distributed \$70,000 to local businesses with \$1,000 grants to 70 businesses.
- Since Stay Home Stay Safe Order, Calhoun County has investigated over 82 complaints against businesses operating and have had 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



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
- 2 Warning Sirens will be installed and online in the next week



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



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