



Calhoun County Joint Information Center

Wednesday, October 14, 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

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





Additional Speakers Today

Dr. William Nettleton, Calhoun County Medical Director

Steve Hinkley, Calhoun County Sheriff

Jill Steele, Battle Creek City Attorney



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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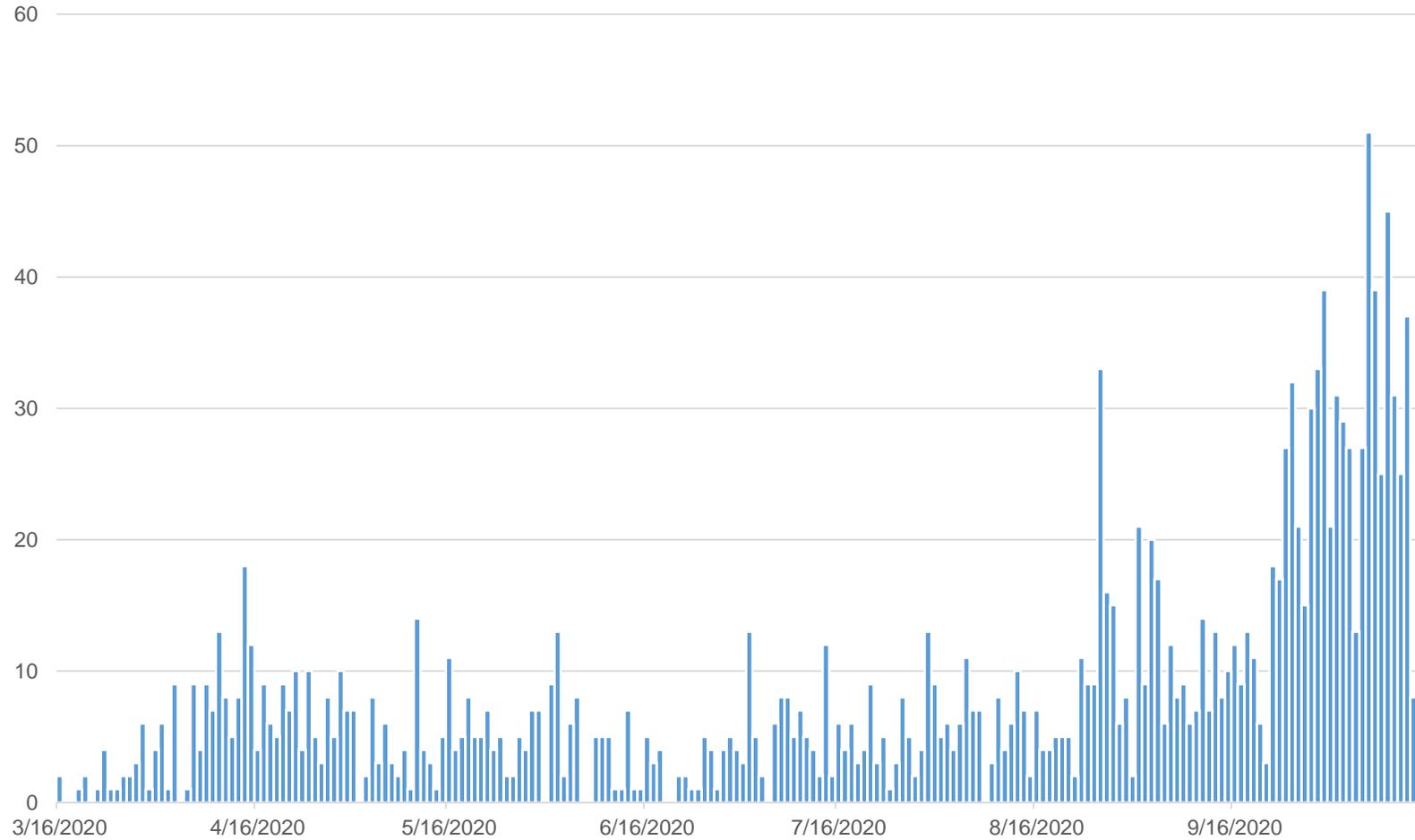
Comments from Representatives-Open to Elected Officials or their representatives



Current Situation

Positive COVID-19 Cases by Referral Date, Calhoun County, 2020

Last Updated: 10/14/2020 10 AM	
Positive for 2019-nCOV	1,754
Total Hospitalizations	134
Current Hospitalizations	24
Deaths	48





Contact Tracing Workloads

<u>Active Cases/Contacts</u>		
Case Status	On October 5	On October 14
Confirmed Cases	178	167
Probable Cases	39	17
Contacts	641	369
Total	858	553



Symptoms

Symptoms	# Yes	%
Cough	823	72.0%
Fatigue/Lethargy/Weakness	754	68.1%
Headaches	691	60.9%
Muscle Aches (Myalgia)	667	58.6%
Fever	627	55.8%
Congestion (Coryza)	492	45.5%
Chills/Rigors	443	42.7%
Loss of Smell	370	37.4%
Loss of Taste	369	37.4%
Sore Throat	387	36.3%
Runny nose (Rhinorrhea)	352	34.1%
Shortness of Breath (Dyspnea)	334	31.6%
Diarrhea (≥3 loose stools/24 hr)	306	29.3%
Nausea or Vomiting	279	27.4%
Abdominal Pain	127	12.9%
Evidence of Pneumonia	87	8.8%
Chest Pain	60	8.3%
Difficulty Breathing	53	7.2%
Wheezing	40	5.5%
Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS)	34	3.5%
Encephalopathy/Encephalitis	19	2.0%
Toxic state (Sepsis)	12	1.3%
Seizure	4	0.4%
Multi Organ Dysfunction Syndrome (MODS)	3	0.3%
Stroke/VTE	2	0.2%
Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)	0	0.0%



Watch Your Symptoms!

- Many people testing positive believed they had fall allergies
- Those symptoms can match our top COVID-19 symptoms
- If you have these, stay home and get tested - do not go to work
- Please get your flu shot

Top COVID symptoms in local cases (at least half of cases):

Cough
 Fatigue/lethargy/weakness
 Headaches
 Muscle aches
 Fever



If you have COVID-19 **symptoms**, act like you have the virus - **stay home** and **get tested!**

Watch your symptoms, Calhoun County!





Recent Surge in Calhoun County

Positive COVID-19 cases referred from 9/22-10/12 - **597**

Three most common outbreak/cluster categories:

1. **Gatherings** - including weddings, anniversary parties, birthday parties
2. **Long-term care** - Cases associated with long-term care facilities, AFC, assisted-living facilities
3. **Worksite** - Cases associated with spread/infection originating from a workplace

Epidemiologic Information			
Variable	Count	9/22 to 10/12	Since 3/1
Healthcare worker	32	5.4%	9.5%
Live or work in high-risk/congregate facility	35	5.9%	15.5%
Other Essential Worker/Critical Infrastructure	31	5.2%	6.8%
In quarantine at time of onset/positive test	119	27.2%	21.6%
Associated with known cluster/outbreak	73	12.2%	12.9%
Healthcare contact to confirmed case	4	0.7%	4.8%
Community contact to confirmed case	94	15.7%	13.6%
Household contact to confirmed case	118	19.8%	20.6%
Source of infection is unknown	222	37.2%	27.1%



Important Takeaways About Surge

Household Contacts

Typically when one person in a household contracts COVID-19, multiple members of the household do.

- This accounts for cases that show up in schools

Gatherings

We are not seeing outbreaks in situations where social distancing guidelines are followed and masks are worn

- When protocols are followed, we're able to mitigate spread



Regarding Recent Surge

- Seeing highest level of transmission, more than double the rate since April/May peak
- Largely due to social gatherings
- There are some encouraging and concerning trends
 - Encouraging: 27% became positive during quarantine
 - Concerning: 40% of cases do not have known exposure



Additional Comments

- Hard to digest risk when presentation and outcomes range
- Small percentages, for example mortality, when applied to populations still result in significant outcomes
- It is not inevitable that all get COVID-19: We have effective ways to reduce risks
- We do not have a vaccine or much experience with treatments

Sheriff's Corrections Update

COVID-19 in corrections:

- 1037 total inmates tested as of Tuesday morning
- 11 total patients tested positive since testing started, 1011 total negative tests
- 15 tests pending as of Tuesday
- Currently, 0 cases in the jail
- 0 cases in general population



Temperature screening machines are being used in jail for employees and inmates



Sheriff's Law Enforcement Update

- Currently, no active investigations
- Countywide law enforcement continues to work together on these issues
- Working with community on following social distancing guidelines
- Prepared to work with AG and County Prosecutor as necessary on enforcement



State Courts/Orders Update

- Michigan Supreme Court rules EOs after April 30 were unconstitutional/unenforceable
- No court cases have challenged MDHHS orders - issued under the Michigan Public Health Code
- Code allows MDHHS director to issue emergency orders if “control of an epidemic is necessary to protect the public health”
- Oct. 9 order implements many provisions from previous EOs



MDHHS Health Code Orders Update

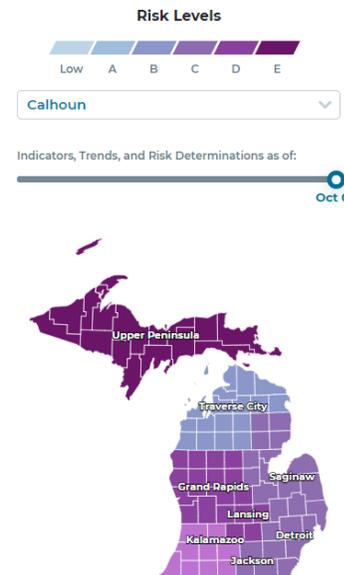
- Under the Oct. 9 Epidemic Order:
 - You must wear a mask over mouth/nose in gatherings of two or more people.
 - Capacity limits apply to indoor (10) and outdoor (100) gatherings
 - Restaurants/bars must limit capacity, and can only serve alcohol to parties seated, six feet apart.
 - Organized sports require masks (except for swimming) and have gathering limits.
 - Employees in isolation/quarantine because of exposure, symptoms, or test results cannot go to work with others.
 - Many businesses must collect contact info from customers in case they are exposed to someone who is sick (contact tracing).



State Website Information

- Michigan.gov/coronavirus
- Among the good information:
- Scroll to **MI SAFE START** for map
 - Info at state, region, county levels
- **FIND A TEST SITE** button
 - Enter zip code
 - You'll get locations, hours, requirements

Mistartmap.info



Calhoun County

Correctional Facilities Data: Probable Cases:

* Over previous 7 days

Epidemic Spread

Test Results 4.8% positive tests* 1.0k daily tests administered*

New Cases 190.2 daily/ million* 25.6 daily*

Deaths 0

Syndromic Data Syndromic data only computed for state and regions, not individual counties

Public Health Capacity



County Courts Update

- Jury trials, which were set to begin next week (Oct. 12), are canceled, due to the COVID-19 case numbers being higher than Supreme Court Administrative Offices allow for jury trials



Update to Preparedness and Response Plans

- Due to changes with governor's executive orders, as described, Calhoun County is reassessing our Preparedness and Response Plan, and will provide an update for townships in the near future

New Homeless Shelter

- Open at 209 E. Michigan Ave.
 - 24/7 services
 - 6:30 am-10:30 pm men/women; 10:30 pm-6:30 am men
 - Food provided
 - Current capacity - 32
- Services provide by SHARE Center and The Haven via contract with Battle Creek Homeless Center Inc.
- Board of Directors
 - Kim Bruaker, chairperson
 - Shirley Tuggle, vice chairperson
 - Katie Barnes
 - Brigette Reichenbaugh
 - Antoine Davis

Rebecca Fleury, treasurer
Todd McDonald, secretary
Brenda Hunt
Jack Davis





New Homeless Shelter

- Property secured through purchase agreement to be executed Dec. 15; currently assessed through lease agreement with owner
- Three-phase electric being connect; HVAC being ordered
- Permanent bathroom/shower construction set for spring 2021; number is critical to building capacity
- Considering funding requests through Calhoun County, Community Action, City of Battle Creek, Enbridge, Zanetti Foundation, Binda Foundation, Miller Foundation



New Homeless Shelter

- Funding secured through Battle Creek Community Foundation, City of Battle Creek - Downtown Development Authority, Calhoun County, Feldpausch Foundation, Consumers Energy Foundation, BBCH Community Partners, and leadership gifts from two individual donors.
- Funding requests in process for over 75 percent of total funding need. Building acquisition and construction costs total \$750,000.
- Majority of operating costs supported through government funding; discussions happening to increase these resources.



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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