

STATUS UPDATE (3/24/20)

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE (STATE)

There are currently **1,791** cases of COVID-19 in the state of Michigan with **24** deaths reported.

Governor Whitmer has issued 18 Executive Orders to deal with the public health crisis with 14 still in effect. Michigan has been under a declared state of emergency since March 10th. Governor Whitmer has activated the Michigan Army National Guard to assist DHHS in assembling and distributing medical supplies. Whitmer clarified her order against groups of 50 or more exempting religious places of worship from any penalties. Speaker Chatfield remarked, 'People have a God-given right to assemble and worship, and that right is secured by both the United States and Michigan Constitution.'

Governor Whitmer has issued a shelter-in-place order as of March 24th thru April 13th. She has issued this order because medical experts tell her the state is on track for 70% of the population contracting the virus requiring 1 million hospitalizations for only 25,000 acute care beds available. "Tough times don't last but tough people do," said Whitmer. "We need to get through this crisis together and we need everyone to do their part. Stay home and save lives."

EO 2020-07: Bans visitation to all healthcare facilities, juvenile justice facilities and nursing home facilities until April 5th by members of the public who are not essential to their operations. Exceptions are for parents or guardians of people under 21 years of age or visiting individuals who are in serious/critical condition or in hospice care.

EO 2020-10: Expanded eligibility for unemployment benefits is in effect for actions related to the COVID-19 pandemic until April 14th.

EO 2020-11: Bans assemblages of 50 people or more in a single indoor shared space. The state legislature, grocery stores, agricultural operations, construction sites and mass transit operations are excepted from this ban thru April 5th. All school buildings are closed thru April 5th.

EO 2020-12: Seasonal road restrictions on Michigan roads are lifted for delivering foodstuffs to grocery stores and medical and other emergency supplies related to the COVID-19 response. This is in effect thru April 13th.

EO 2020-13: Regulations related to qualifications for nurses' aides and the number of beds in a facility are suspended thru April 14th.

EO 2020-14: Delinquent tax foreclosures that were to take effect on March 31st are suspended until May 29th or 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency.

EO 2020-15: Provisions of the Open Meetings Act requiring the physical presence to participate and vote on government business is suspended thru April 15th. Members of the public must still be allowed to follow the meeting remotely and offer their public comment.

EO 2020-16: Certain rules related to child care centers are suspended thru April 15th and provisional licenses for new facilities are expedited in order to expand access to this service especially while schools are shuttered.

EO 2020-17: All hospitals and outpatient clinics must delay non-essential procedures through the state of emergency including cosmetic surgery, weight loss surgery or even joint replacements. All dental clinics must delay routine hygiene appointments and cosmetic functions such as teeth whitening or even installing dentures, bridges and crowns (not related to relieving pain or restoring function) through the state of emergency.

EO 2020-18: Replaces EO 2020-08 with enhanced provision to prevent price gouging (selling a product at more than 20% above fair market value on March 9th) extended through April 17th.

EO 2020-19: Temporary suspension of evicting rental property residents and mobile home residents from their premises through April 17th.

EO 2020-20: Extends EO 2020-09 thru April 13th and adds non-essential personal care services such as haircuts, nail salons, massage parlors, day spas, tattoo and body piercing services to the list businesses that should temporarily suspend operations. The original EO ordered bars/restaurants, coffeehouses, cigar bars, vaping lounges, theatres, cinemas, libraries, gyms, Detroit casinos and other places of amusement to shut down.

EO 2020-21: Stay-at-home order issued for all Michiganders not involved in essential work to sustain or protect life. A list of critical infrastructure services can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2UzPj9A>

www.michigan.gov/coronavirus remains the best source of information on Michigan's response.

SHUTDOWN ORDER FAQ

Governor Whitmer has ordered all travel outside our homes to be restricted EXCEPT for the following reasons: 1) Engage in Outdoor Activity; 2) Work in Critical Infrastructure Jobs; 3) Seek Medical Attention; 4) Obtain Necessary Supplies for Themselves and their Homes (*using delivery services to the maximum possible extent*); 5) Care for a Family Member or Family Member's Pet; 6) Care for Minors, Elderly and Other Vulnerable Persons; 7) Attend Court Ordered Services; 8) Volunteer to Provide Food/Shelter for Economically Disadvantaged Persons and People With Disabilities.

Approximately 25% of Michigan's 4 million workforce can reasonably claim an exemption and report to work. Businesses that are non-essential can still designate certain employees to show up to work "to conduct minimum basic operations." Charlie Owens of the National Federation of Independent Businesses said it's "kind of an honor system." Governor Whitmer warned businesses, "not to play fast and loose with what is essential."

Grocery Stores:	OPEN	Bars/Restaurants:	TAKEOUT ONLY
Pharmacies:	OPEN	Pot Shops:	TAKEOUT ONLY
Gas Stations:	OPEN	Gyms/Health Clubs:	CLOSED
Medical Marijuana:	OPEN	Non-Essential Retail:	CLOSED
Banks/Credit Unions:	OPEN	Cigar/Vaping Lounges:	CLOSED
Liquor Stores:	OPEN	Amusement Centers:	CLOSED
Car Repair Shops:	OPEN	Car Sales:	CLOSED
Hotel/Motels:	OPEN	Cinemas/Theatres:	CLOSED
Golf Courses:	OPEN	Drive-In Movies:	CLOSED

Critical Infrastructure workers are not expected to stay home but report to work as usual. Those involved in critical infrastructure are in the following fields:



CORONAVIRUS REPOSE (OAKLAND)

There are currently **428** cases from Oakland County with **4** deaths to date. Oakland County has been under a declared state of emergency since March 13th. Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter imposed mandatory shutdowns of all malls and playgrounds (both indoor and outdoor) and ordered all people to be screened before entering a childcare facility as of March 21st. **Coulter has now issued an order effective at noon on March 25th that all businesses that remain open must screen their employees daily for symptoms of COVID-19 and send anyone home with symptoms for at least three days with no fever and seven days since their first symptom and anyone with close contact with a diagnosed COVID-19 patient should be isolated for 14 days.**

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE (FEDERAL)

There are currently **51,542** cases COVID-19 in the United States with **674** deaths from the virus.

The CDC has issued a Level 3 travel notice for Americans to defer cruise ship travel until further notice. The State Dept has issued a Level 4 travel advisory urging Americans to avoid all international travel. The IRS has delayed tax filing until July 15th. Congress has passed a measure providing workers at

employers of less than 500 people and government employees (Labor Department may exempt small businesses with fewer than 50 workers) with two weeks paid sick leave and up to 3 months of paid family and medical leave equal to no less than 2/3 of their pay to encourage self-quarantining. All coronavirus testing for the public will be fully covered by private insurance or the federal government.

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE (PUBLIC HEALTH)

In order to use our finite testing resources most effectively, the following is the method of identifying and testing potential COVID-19 afflicted:

- 1) Contact your primary physician or nearest urgent care center if you think you are exhibiting symptoms. CALL THEM first and DO NOT drive to their location.
- 2) Your medical provider will call a 24/7 hotline to seek approval to have you tested.
- 3) If you are approved, you will be directed to one of many drive-thru testing sites being set up around the state. If you are not approved, you may still go through a private lab to arrange for your own testing.
- 4) Results of the test are generally expected in 5-7 days. The state is ramping up its own in-house testing procedures to create a faster turnaround time.

Symptoms of COVID-19: Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus which is spread from person-to-person contact. Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. Stay home if you are not feeling well. Wear a facemask *if* you are sick (you do NOT need one if you are not sick).

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE (WORLD)

There have been **414,277** cases worldwide since the pandemic began. **107,806** have recovered from the illness (the bulk in China) while **18,557 deaths** have been recorded from COVID-19 (6,820 deaths in Italy is the global leader). This virus is truly global with even Greenland having confirmed cases.

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE (HELP FOR JOB PROVIDERS)

The Michigan Strategic Fund has approved up to \$20 million in support for small businesses. The Michigan Small Business Relief Program has allocated \$10 million in small business grants and another \$10 million in loans. The MEDC anticipates 1,100 businesses will be eligible for this type of relief.

Grant funding will be up to \$10,000 to each small business (50 employees or fewer) that has demonstrated financial hardship from the COVID-19 virus.

Loans are available between \$50,000 and \$200,000 to qualified small businesses (< 100 employees) that has been financially harmed by EO 2020-9 and cannot access credit from other financial entities.

Governor Whitmer announced Michigan small businesses and non-profits will have access to the \$1 billion Congress has provided to the Small Business Administration for economic injury disaster loans.

Firms can look here for more information: <https://www.michiganbusiness.org/covid19/> and formally apply at this website: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

Small Business Taxpayer Assistance Small businesses scheduled to make their monthly sales, use and withholding tax payments on 3/20 can postpone filing and payment requirements until 4/20. The state Treasury Dept. will waive all penalties and interest for 30 days. The waiver is not available for accelerated sales, use or withholding tax filers. Treasury Business Tax Call Center: 517-636-6925.

MEDC Call Center stands ready to support businesses looking for assistance through other available state programs. For more information, visit the MEDC's website: www.michiganbusiness.org or call 888.522.0103.

The Small Business Association of Michigan has a daily Facebook live feed to answer questions of job providers around the state. The feed is open to members and non-members alike. You can find them here at 3:00 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/SmallBusinessAssociationofMichigan/>.

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE (HOW YOU CAN HELP)

The American Red Cross has reported a blood shortage due to the cancellations of blood drives and is calling on volunteers to augment its book banks.

County health departments and some hospitals are asking members of the public to help sew masks for first responders to deal with the shortage of personal protective equipment. Patterns can be found here to help guide your efforts. <https://bit.ly/33Fbak8>

Hospitals in metro-Detroit are asking for donations of personal protective equipment but are NOT asking for homemade sewed masks. They are seeking bleach, hand sanitizer, N95 masks, face shields, latex gloves and safety goggles.