



# Calhoun County Joint Information Center

Wednesday, May 13, 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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Brigette Reichenbaugh, Calhoun County Public Health Department  
Deputy 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

Hospitals

Percent Positive and Total Tests

Reopening

Testing

Bright Spots

Law Enforcement Update

Business Update

Comments from Representatives-  
Open to Elected Officials or their  
representatives



# Current Situation

As of Noon, Wednesday, May 6:

There are **278** positive cases of COVID-19 in Calhoun County

There are **17** deaths reported

There are **8** people currently in the hospital.

**191** persons have been released from Isolation Orders

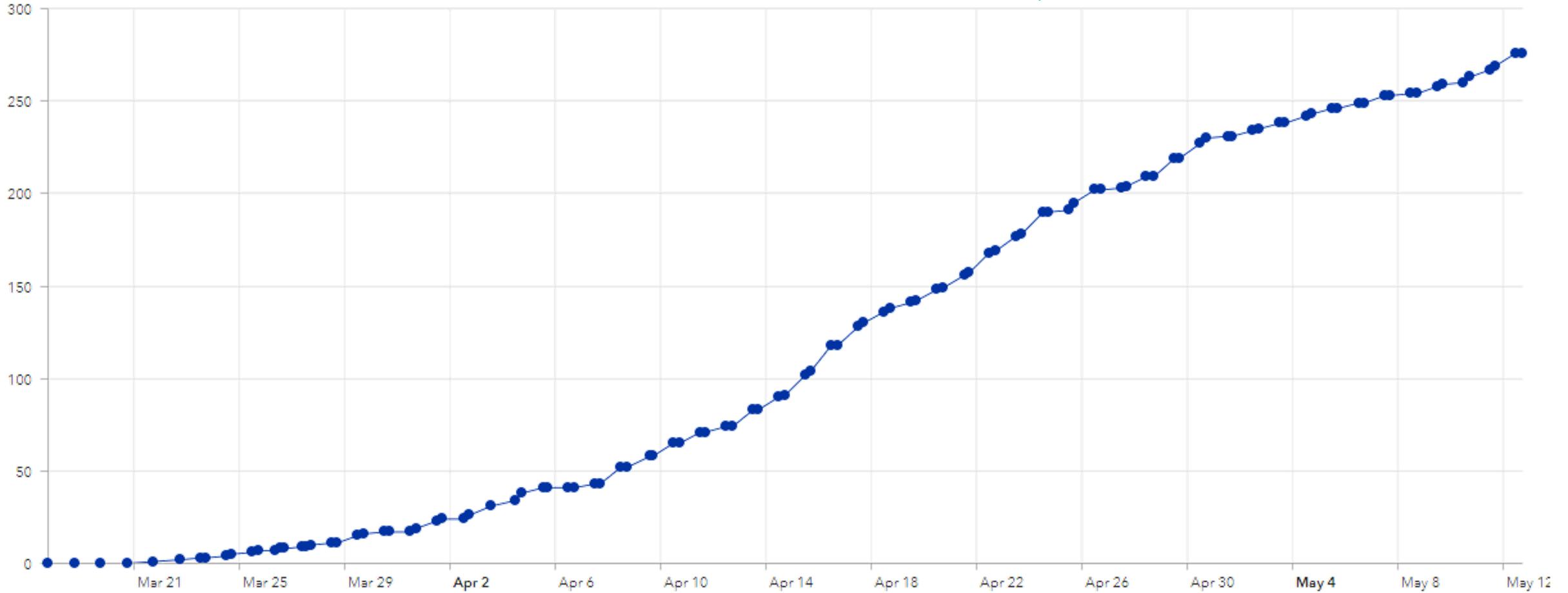
**183** persons have been released from Quarantine Orders

This information and much more is updated regularly by the Public Health Department at [calhouncountymi.gov](https://calhouncountymi.gov).



# Calhoun Confirmed Cases

*updated 5/13/20*





# Calhoun County Hospitals

## Beds and Ventilator Tracking

updated 5/12/20

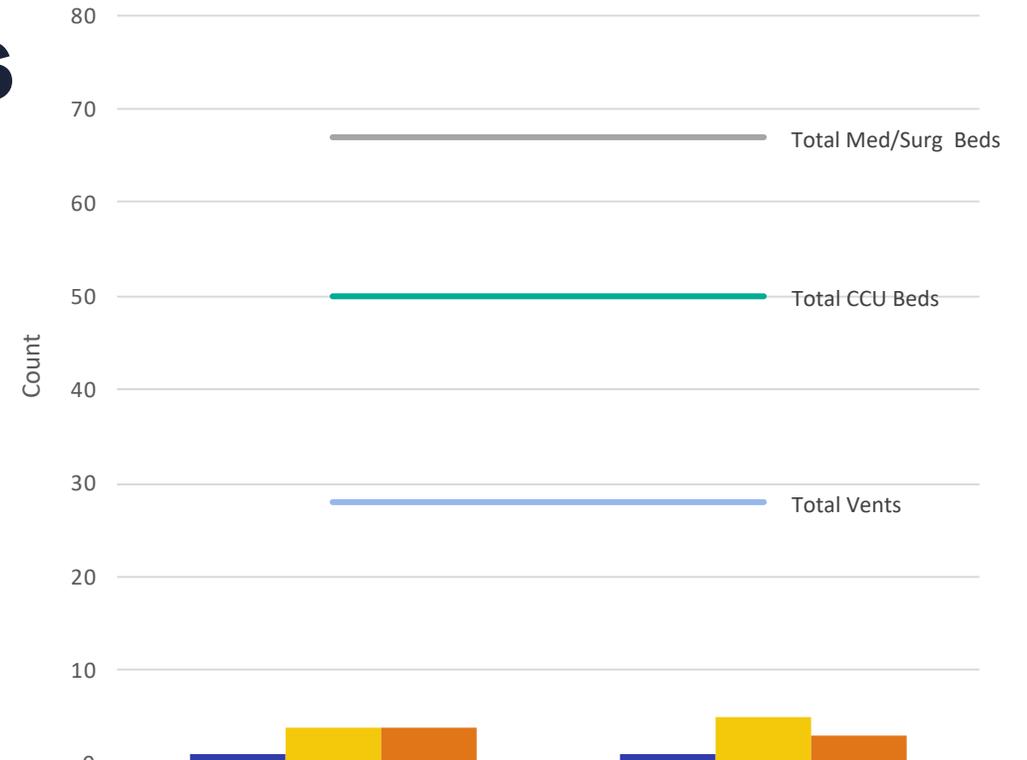
Med/Surg Beds: standard hospital beds

CCU Beds: Critical Care Unit beds

Resources Included:



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



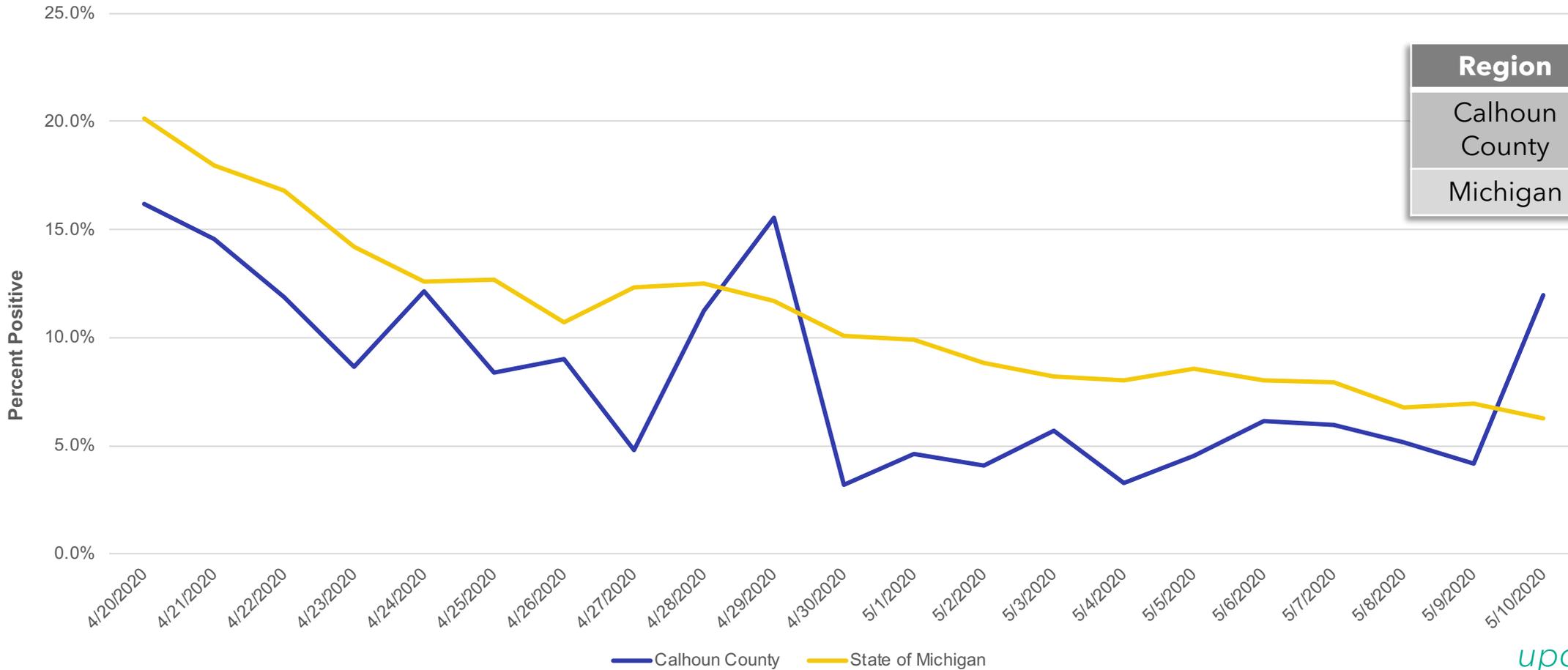
	8-May	11-May
COVID-19 Patients on Vents	1	1
COVID-19 Med/Surg Patients	4	5
COVID-19 CCU Patients	4	3
Total Med/Surg Beds	67	67
Total CCU Beds	50	50
Total Vents	28	28



# Daily Percent Positive COVID-19 Tests by Message Date

Calhoun County and State of Michigan

Source: State of Michigan and MAG



Region	Total Tests
Calhoun County	4,129
Michigan	317,282

updated 5/11/20



# Testing

Goal: 1% of the population tested weekly

Access to testing needs to be expanded.

Gaps identified in our community - Eastern side of the county (*Albion/Homer/Tekonsha*); minority populations.

CCPHD assembled a task force to facilitate increased testing.

In the works:

- Additional Private Providers
- Albion College
- Grace Health - Mobile Testing
- Faith-Based Testing Locations



# Reopening

Workgroup meeting this afternoon to organize efforts

Development of Calhoun County Government's Preparedness and Response Plan

- To be approved at BOC next week
- MMRMA template

Lucy Blair is the PIO on that workgroup. Contact Lucy w/ questions

# Calhoun SAFE START Plan *Information available as of 5.9.2020*

## Critical actions:



Wear a mask over nose and mouth when you go out; businesses may deny entry without it



Workers and visitors stay six feet apart



Increase cleaning standards



Restrict workers to only those necessary

## Activities starting safely:



Outdoor Recreation - walking, hiking, biking, boating, golfing



Carryout, delivery, curbside pickup of goods



Garden stores, lawn care, pest control



Bike maintenance & repair



Moving/storage operations



Construction/Real Estate/ Outdoor work



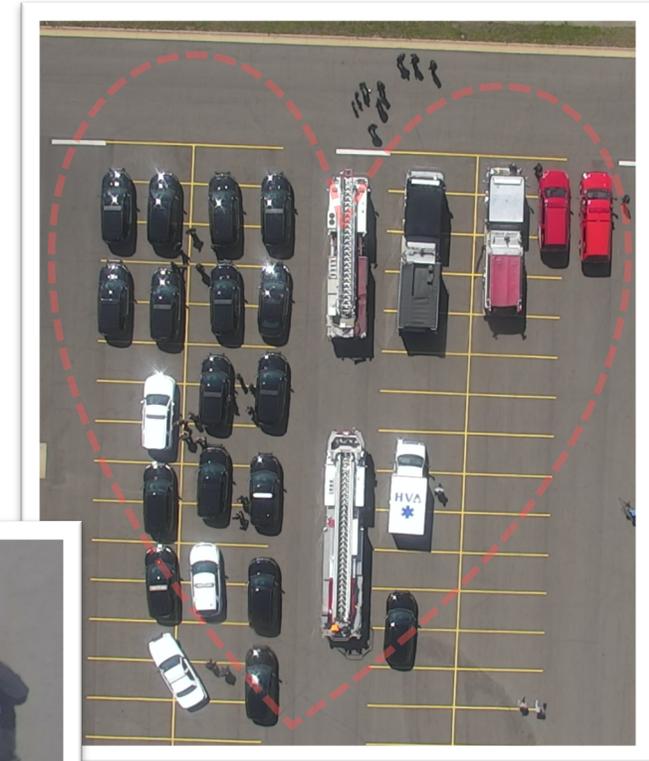
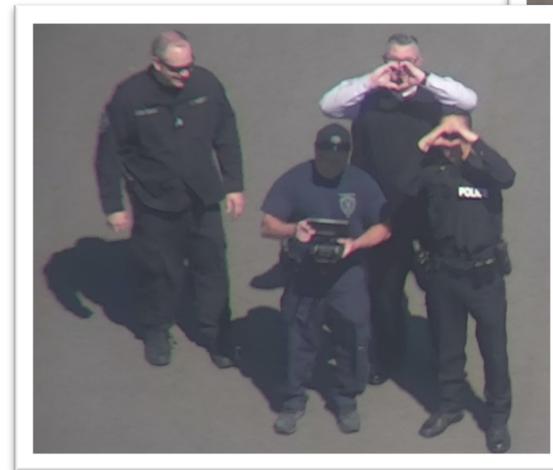
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# Bright Spots

AccessVision programs coming later this week:

- Mental health resources with Summit Pointe
- Youth perspective with community groups

First responder heart response to Michigan National Guard fly over



# Law Enforcement Update – Sheriff Steven Hinkley

## National Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.



# Oaklawn Hospital Appreciation Parade

May 12 was International Nurses Day. We want to thank all our area nurses and the Staff of Oaklawn Hospital for your service.

Great Job, Chief Josh Lankerd and Director Scott McDonald for organizing the event!





# Business Update -Kara Beer

## MI Safe Start Plan

Business/Corporate Leaders and Liaisons in Calhoun County Work Group

Albion EDC; Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce; Battle Creek Unlimited; MAEDA; and Small Business Development - City of Battle Creek

Michigan businesses are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to open their doors, and, according to Governor Whitmer, they must do so with a **Preparedness and Response Plan** in place, summarizing COVID-19 precautionary measures. Check out best practices here:

<https://www.blmcovid19.com/businessbestpractices/>



It is also possible to move backwards if risk increases and if we stop adhering to safe practices





## PHASE 3: FLATTENING

What does it look like



This phase occurs when daily new cases and deaths remain relatively constant over a time period. Often, this occurs because communities have started to use social distancing practices and transmission rates have fallen to manageable levels. Because new cases are not constantly increasing, health system capacity has time to expand to epidemic needs and is not typically overwhelmed. During this phase, testing and contact tracing efforts are ramped up statewide. To prevent each infected individual from spreading the virus unchecked, rapid case investigation, contact tracing, and containment practices are necessary within a community.

What work can we do

What do we need to do to stay safe

### Businesses and organizations

Non-critical businesses that pose lower risk of infection are able to open with increased safety measures during this phase:

- **Retail:** Limited to grocery stores and other critical retail (e.g., pharmacies), plus curbside or delivery for nonessential retail
- **Public Transportation:** Permitted
- **Restaurants & Bars:** Available for take-out, delivery and drive-through only
- **Manufacturing:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines
- **Construction:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines
- **Food & Agriculture:** Permitted
- **Offices:** Closed to all non-critical workers
- **Education & Child Care:** Remote learning in K-12 and higher education, child care for critical workers and anyone resuming work activities
- **Outdoor work:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines

### Personal and social

- **Social Distancing:** In place, maintain a six-foot distance from other when outdoors / in public
- **Face coverings:** Required
- **Gatherings:** Not permitted
- **Outdoor Recreation:** Walking, hiking, biking, golfing, boating permitted
- **Quarantine/Isolation:** Individuals who have confirmed or suspected COVID-19 must isolate, and any individual with a known exposure must quarantine, according to CDC and public health guidance
- **At-risk populations:** All at-risk individuals should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with at-risk residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not possible, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from at-risk residents. Businesses should strongly consider special accommodations for personnel who are members of an at-risk population



## PHASE 4: IMPROVING

What does it look like



This phase occurs when the number of new cases and deaths has fallen for a period of time, but overall case levels are still high. When in the Improving phase, most new outbreaks are quickly identified, traced, and contained due to robust testing infrastructure and rapid contact tracing. Health system capacity can typically handle these new outbreaks, and therefore case fatality rate does not rise above typical levels. Though a community might be in a declining phase, the overall number of infected individuals still indicate the need for distancing to stop transmission and move to the next phase.

### Businesses and organizations

Most business and organizations will be open throughout this phase under strict safety measures. These include:

- **Retail:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines (e.g., limited capacity)
- **Public Transportation:** Permitted
- **Restaurants & Bars:** Available for take-out, delivery and drive-through only
- **Manufacturing:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines
- **Construction:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines
- **Food & Agriculture:** Permitted
- **Offices:** Open (remote work still required where feasible)
- **Education:** Remote learning in K-12 and higher education, summer programs in small groups
- **Outdoor work:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines

### Personal and social

- **Social Distancing:** In place, maintain a six-foot distance from other when outdoors / in public
- **Face coverings:** Required
- **Gatherings:** Limited to small groups with social distancing
- **Outdoor Recreation:** Walking, hiking, biking, golfing, boating permitted. Activities permitted in small groups with social distancing
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## PHASE 5: CONTAINING

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During the Containing phase, new cases and deaths continue to decrease for an additional period of time. At this point, the number of active cases has reached a point where infection from other members of the community is less common. With widespread testing, positivity rates often fall much lower than earlier phases. Rapid case investigation, contact tracing, and containment strategies cause new cases to continue to fall. However, if distancing and other risk mitigation efforts are not continued, infections could begin to grow again because a permanent solution to the epidemic has not yet been identified.

### Businesses and organizations

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- **Retail:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines (e.g., limited capacity)
- **Public Transportation:** Permitted
- **Restaurants & Bars:** Available for dine-in with additional safety measures and guidelines
- **Manufacturing:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines
- **Construction:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines
- **Food & Agriculture:** Permitted
- **Offices:** Open with additional safety measures and guidelines
- **Education:** Live instruction in K-12 and higher education
- **Outdoor work:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines

### Personal and social

- **Social Distancing:** In place, maintain a six-foot distance from other when outdoors / in public
- **Face coverings:** Required wherever possible
- **Gatherings:** Increased but still limited-sized groups with social distancing
- **Outdoor Recreation:** All outdoor recreation allowed
- **Quarantine/Isolation:** Individuals who have confirmed or suspected COVID-19 must isolate, and any individual with a known exposure must quarantine, according to CDC and public health guidance
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# We are currently in Phase 3

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# What must I do if my business is allowed to reopen?

Section 11 of Executive Order (EO) 2020-59: Businesses, operations, and government agencies that remain open for in-person work must adhere to sound social distancing practices and measures, which include but are not limited to:

1. Developing a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan, consistent with recommendations in Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19, developed by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration and available [here](#). Such plan must be available at company headquarters or the worksite.
2. Restricting the number of workers present on premises to no more than is strictly necessary to perform the in-person work permitted under this order.
3. Promoting remote work to the fullest extent possible.
4. Keeping workers and patrons who are on premises at least six feet from one another to the maximum extent possible.
5. Increasing standards of facility cleaning and disinfection to limit worker and patron exposure to COVID-19, as well as adopting protocols to clean and disinfect in the event of a positive COVID-19 case in the workplace.
6. Adopting policies to prevent workers from entering the premises if they display respiratory [symptoms](#) or have had contact with a person with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.
7. Any other social distancing practices and mitigation measures recommended by the CDC.

For businesses and operations whose in-person work is permitted under sections 10(c) through 10(e) of this order, the following additional measures must also be taken:

- Barring gatherings of any size in which people cannot maintain six feet of distance from one another.
- Limiting in-person interaction with clients and patrons to the maximum extent possible, and barring any such interaction in which people cannot maintain six feet of distance from one another.
- Providing personal protective equipment such as gloves, goggles, face shields, and face masks as appropriate for the activity being performed.
- Adopting protocols to limit the sharing of tools and equipment to the maximum extent possible and to ensure frequent and thorough cleaning of tools, equipment, and frequently touched surfaces.



# Sector Specific Guidance

These documents were developed by the [Michigan Economic Recovery Council](#). The industry-specific guides are designed for employers of all sizes to implement directives issued by the state in returning safely to in-person work.

RETHINK
REOPEN
REBOUND

**The Battle Creek Area Chamber is here to help support you and your business through these trying times.**

Below is a series of questions to help you to work through to **RETHINK** how to **REOPEN** to produce a successful **REBOUND** of your business/organization for yourself, your employees, and for our local economy. What follows are not the answers, but questions that will require a good deal of thought and willingness to change.

Let's examine the elements of **Manpower, Time, and Resources** against each other, especially as you implement a new course of action towards the next normal.

**Manpower:**

- Your employees.
- How many do you need to open? At what interval you will need them?
- Will any type of training be necessary? What can you sustain?
- Going back to full staff versus following a graduated plan to increase as business increases?

**Time:**

- Your hours of operation will be key to reopening.
- In the first six months, everything from prep time to actual hours the doors are open must be considered. Weekends or not?
- Which hours best fit with the new habits of your core customers – they too are facing the Next Normal.
- What buyer habits have changed?
- What about external suppliers and their ability to deliver on your needs?
- Can you get the products/services you need, when you need them?

**Resources:**

- These are both goods and services your business needs, plus human capital – employee balance and customers.
- Resources are the internal and external commodities you cannot do without.

## Building & Manufacturing

[Construction Facilities Health Practices](#)  
[Manufacturing Health Practices](#)

## Office, Shopping & Dining

[Retail Practices](#)  
[Restaurant Practices](#)  
[Office Practice](#)

## Healthcare & Research

[Healthcare Outpatient Practice](#)  
[Research Lab Practice](#)

## Working from home

[Employee Engagement & Support](#)

## Business Owner's Guide

[Business Owner's Guide - What you need to know](#)

**[RETHINK](#) | [REOPEN](#) | [REBOUND](#)**



# Updates from Elected Officials – Future JICs

On 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](mailto:LBlair@calhouncountymi.gov)



# 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](http://calhouncountymi.gov)

- Visit county site to sign up for all JOC press releases

City of Battle Creek, COVID-19 page

[battlecreekmi.gov/coronavirus](http://battlecreekmi.gov/coronavirus)

State of Michigan, COVID-19 page

[michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://michigan.gov/coronavirus)

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus)



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