



Calhoun County Joint Information Center

Wednesday, May 20, 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 - Pessell
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Comments from Representatives- Open to Elected Officials or their representatives



Current Situation

As of 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 20:

There are **319** positive cases of COVID-19 in Calhoun County

There are **19** deaths reported

There are **7** people currently in the hospital.

234 persons have been released from Isolation Orders

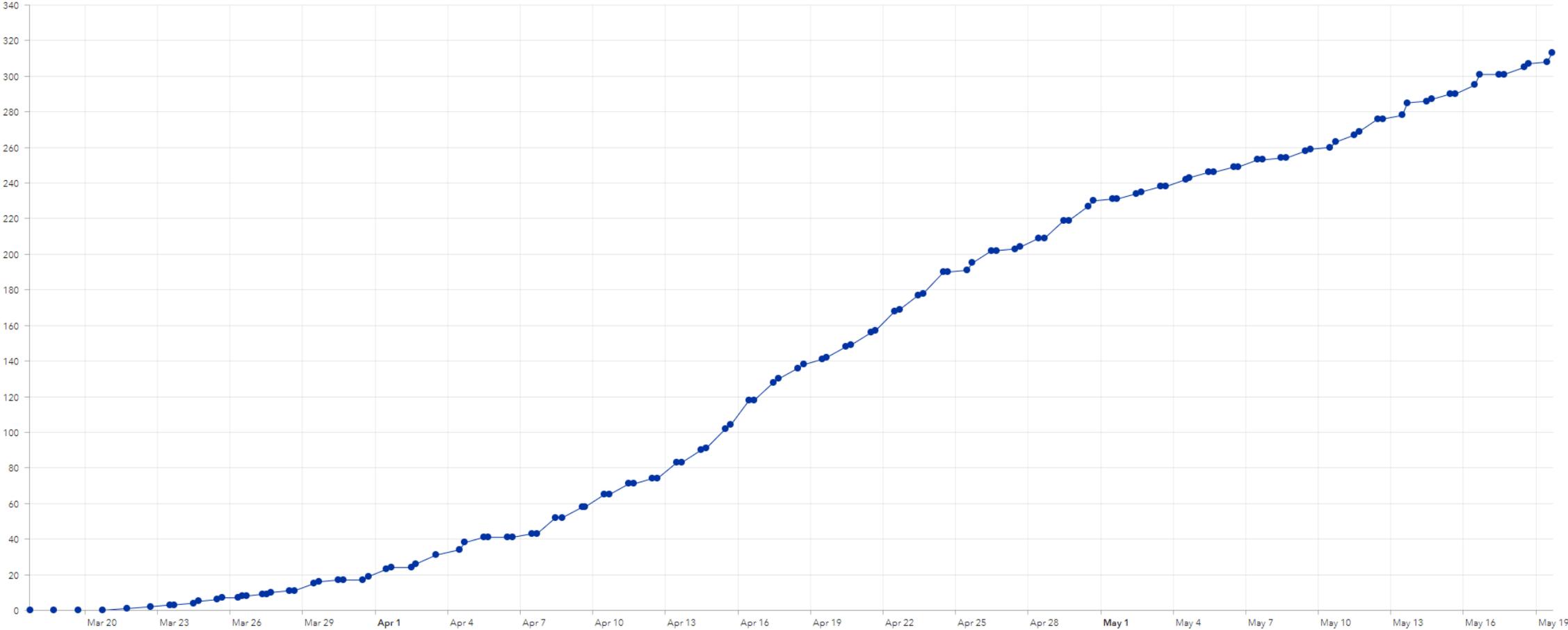
267 persons have been released from Quarantine Orders

This information and much more is updated regularly by the Public Health Department at calhouncountymi.gov.



Calhoun Confirmed Cases

updated 5/19/20





Calhoun County Hospitals

Beds and Ventilator Tracking

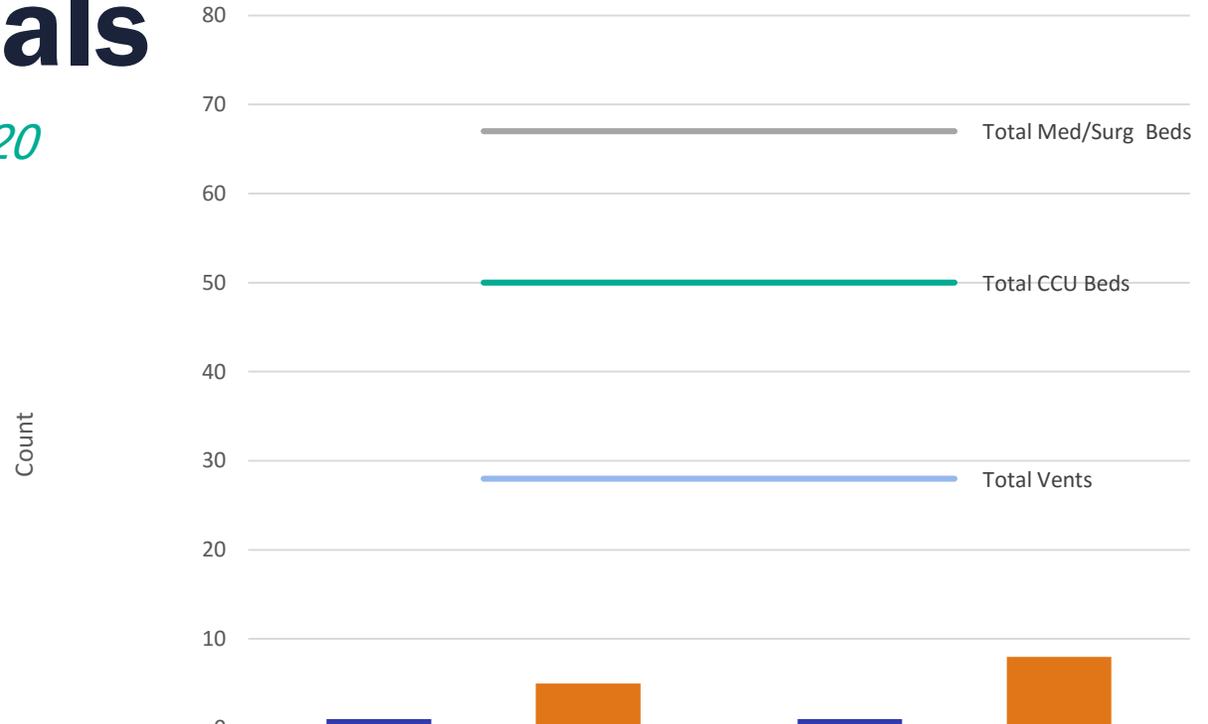
Med/Surg Beds: standard hospital beds
 CCU Beds: Critical Care Unit beds

updated 5/19/20

Resources Included:



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



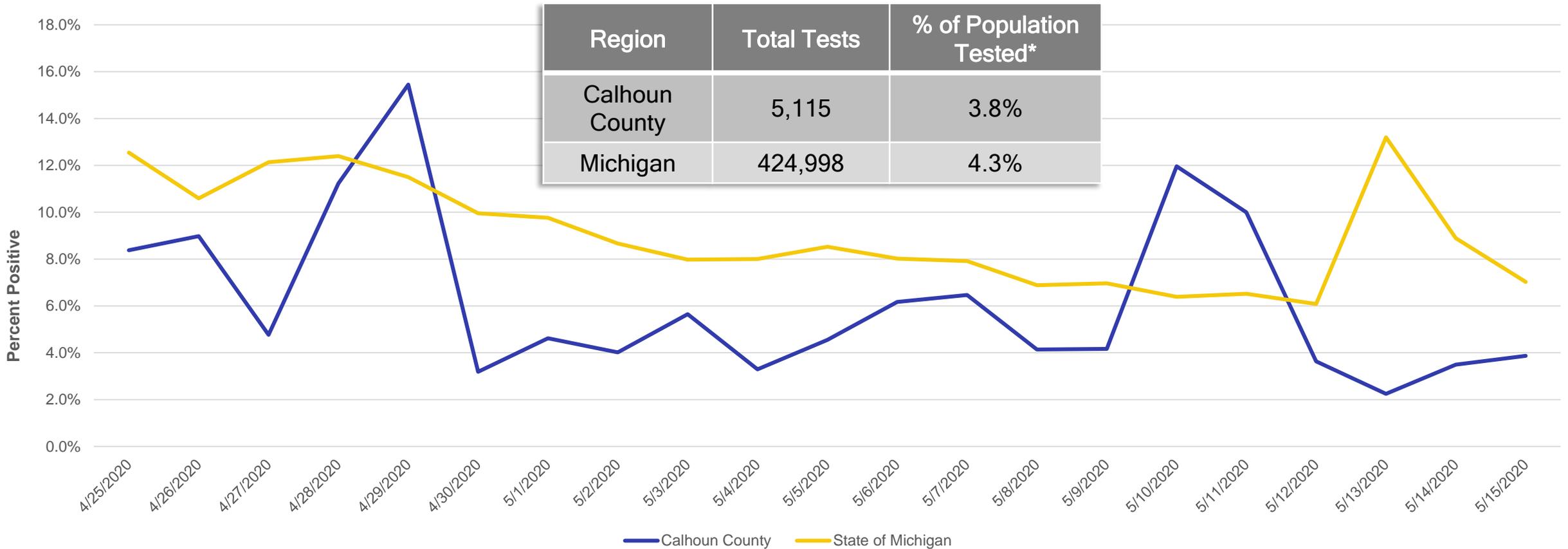
	15-May	18-May
COVID-19 Patients on Vents	1	1
COVID-19 Med/Surg Patients	0	0
COVID-19 CCU Patients	5	8
Total Med/Surg Beds	67	67
Total CCU Beds	50	50
Total Vents	28	28



Daily Percent Positive COVID-19 Tests by Message Date

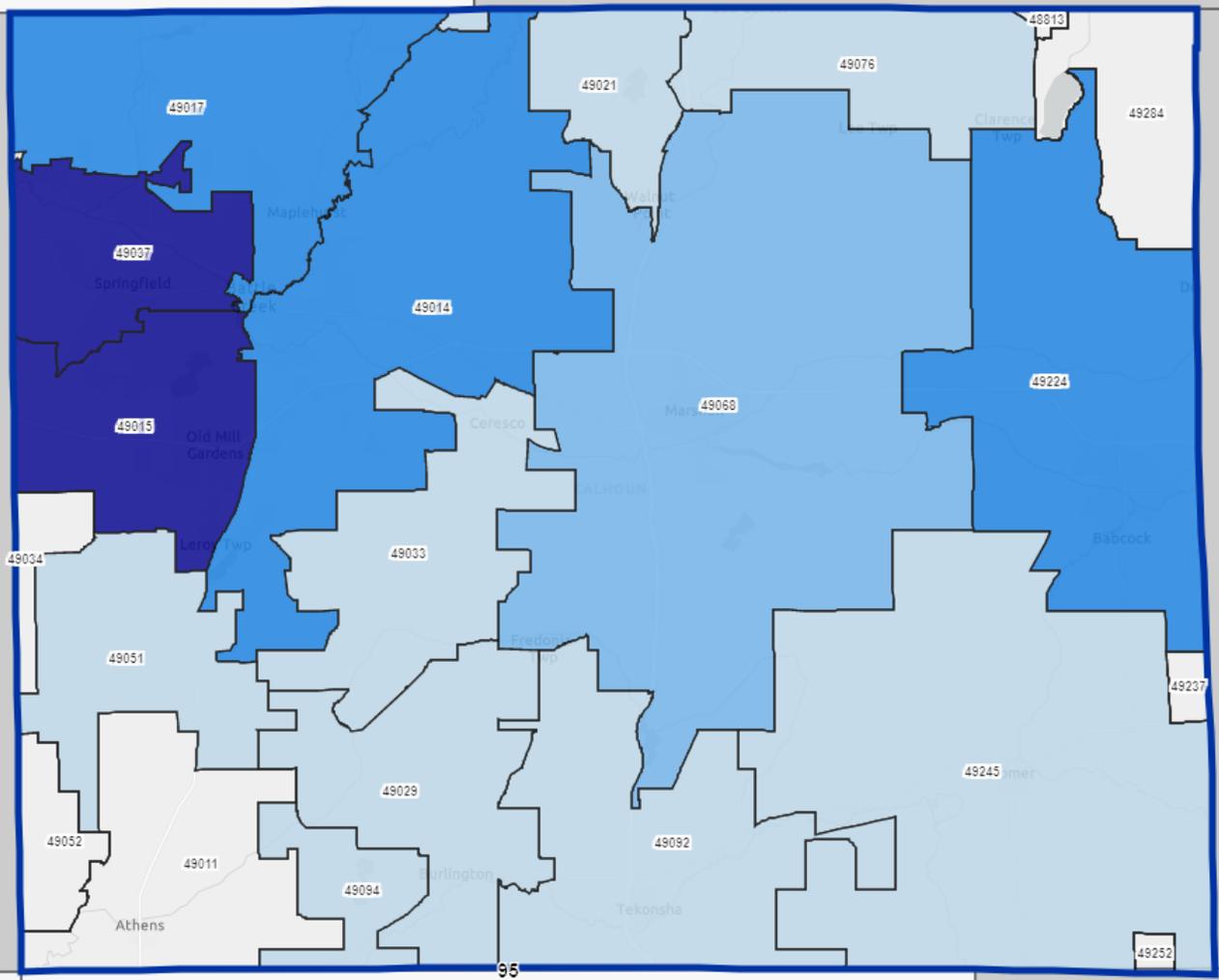
Calhoun County and State of Michigan

Source: State of Michigan and MAG



*This data is not deduplicated, and therefore is an estimated representation of the number of persons in Calhoun County tested.

updated 5/17/20



Expansion of Testing Countywide

Behind the scenes work continues at CCPHD

- Epidemiologist identifying where our gaps in testing resources are throughout Calhoun
- PHD Task-force has been hard at work reaching out to resources in the area to facilitate increased testing availability

Coming soon:

- Oaklawn will be providing testing sites in Albion and Homer for all
- Faith based groups convening to address gaps in the African American population

To find a testing site:

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98189---,00.html>



Reopening

Calhoun County will follow Governor Whitmer's Safe Start Reopening Phases.

We are currently in Phase 3: Flattening

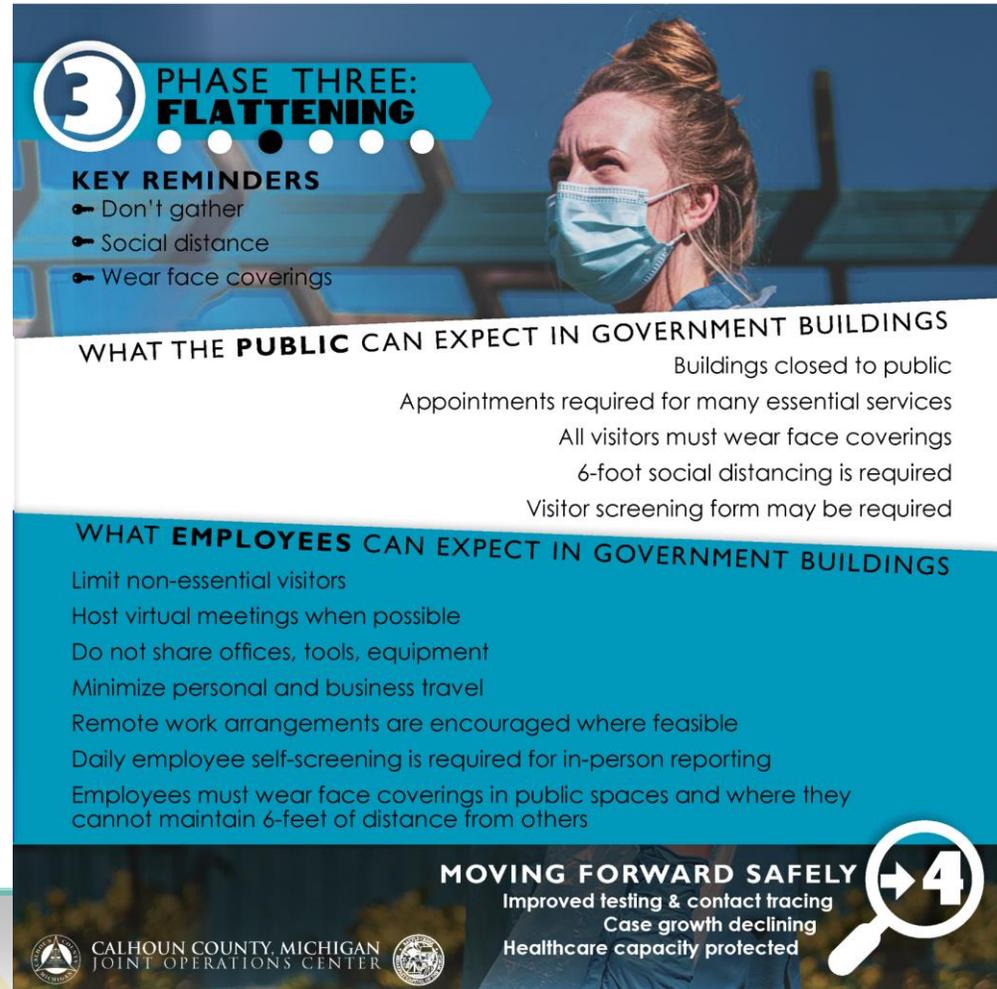
Check out the Safe Start link on the Calhoun County website for information about which phase we're in

Calhoun County Safe Start

Calhoun County is taking a phased approach to reopening to the public. Click for more information.



Phases of Reopening



3 PHASE THREE: FLATTENING

KEY REMINDERS

- Don't gather
- Social distance
- Wear face coverings

WHAT THE PUBLIC CAN EXPECT IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

- Buildings closed to public
- Appointments required for many essential services
- All visitors must wear face coverings
- 6-foot social distancing is required
- Visitor screening form may be required

WHAT EMPLOYEES CAN EXPECT IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

- Limit non-essential visitors
- Host virtual meetings when possible
- Do not share offices, tools, equipment
- Minimize personal and business travel
- Remote work arrangements are encouraged where feasible
- Daily employee self-screening is required for in-person reporting
- Employees must wear face coverings in public spaces and where they cannot maintain 6-feet of distance from others

MOVING FORWARD SAFELY → 4

- Improved testing & contact tracing
- Case growth declining
- Healthcare capacity protected

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Government buildings closed to the public
Face coverings required
Remote work arrangements encouraged
Daily employee screening required for in-person reporting

Calhoun SAFE START Plan *Information available as of 5.20.2020*



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



Manufacturing



Reopening

Major component of our reopening is the Preparedness and Response Plan

- County and City using MMRMA template, adjusted for each organization
- Provide resources on County website

This document is submitted for approval by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, which meets at [Information about the virtual meeting will be posted on Board Meeting Schedule.](#)

COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN

Preparedness Plan Sections

[Protective Safety Measures](#)

[Employees with Suspected and Confirmed Cases](#)

[Business Continuity Plans](#)

[Appendix A: Critical Infrastructure Workers](#)

[Appendix B: Sample Employee Entry Screening Questionnaire](#)

[Appendix C: Employee Return to Work Plan](#)

[Appendix D: Visitor Screening Form](#)

[Appendix F: Other resources](#)

[Appendix G: Calhoun County Safe Start Phases](#)

Need help with your preparedness plan? [Check out our resources for other organizations.](#)

Preparedness Plan

Introduction and Purpose



Reopening

Resources for other organizations include,

- Work doc of our preparedness plan
- Non-branded screening forms for employees or visitors
- Non-branded building signage

COVID-19 Essential Workplace Screening Form

Employee Name: _____

Date: _____

In the past 24 hours, have you experienced any of the following symptoms?

Fever (above 100.4° F)
 New or Worsening Cough:
 Shortness of Breath:
 Chills/Repeated Shaking:
 Muscle Pain:
 Sore Throat:
 Headache:
 New or Loss of Taste or Smell

Current Temperature: _____

If you answered "yes" to any of the symptoms listed above, please do not go into work. If you are feeling better, please do not go into work. Self-isolate at home for a minimum of 7 days. If you are still experiencing symptoms, please contact your supervisor for direction. You should also:

- Isolate (do not leave) at home for a minimum of 7 days.
- Have 3 days without fevers (without the use of fever-reducers) and no other symptoms.

In the past 14 days, have you:

Had close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19 (contact within six (6) feet for a prolonged period of time)

If you answer "yes" to this question, please do not go into work. Self-isolate at home for a minimum of 7 days.

If you answered "no" to all of the above, please check the box below.

I will wear a face covering while in the workplace.

Employee Signature: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____

STOP

GUIDELINES FOR THIS BUILDING REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING:

- FACEMASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES BY VISITORS AND EMPLOYEES**
- SOCIAL DISTANCING: SIX (6) FEET BETWEEN PERSONS AT ALL TIMES**
- AVOID CROWDS/GROUPS OF PEOPLE**
- WASH HANDS FOR 20 SECONDS WITH SOAP AND WATER OFTEN**
- NO HANDSHAKES**

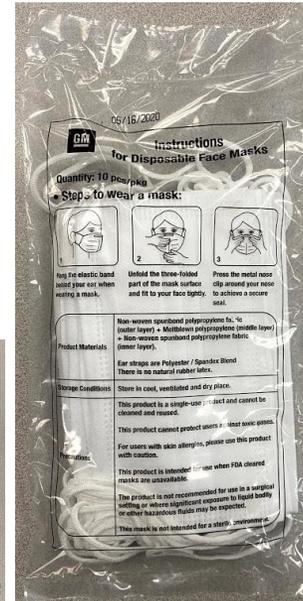
Thank you for your cooperation in protecting our community.

Bright Spot

General Motors donated to the Calhoun County Joint Operations Center:

21,000 face masks

1,100 face shields



L to R: Brendan Pizzala, City of BC Occupational Health & Safety Specialist; Aaron Edlefson, Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Director; Nicole Alton, GM; Darrel Alton, GM



Vulnerable Populations Update – Karla Fales

Through a partnership with USDA Farmers, Food Bank Council, and local food hubs, fresh food boxes are available for seniors

Fresh, Michigan-grown products will be distributed countywide for seniors who are considered at higher risk

Best way for residents to receive help, from this program or any, is by calling 211



Albion & Marshall: Making collaboration work!!

- Thank you to Albion Food Hub for working with MAEDA, Marshall Public Safety, CareWell Services and two local churches to get 100 boxes of fresh food to Marshall House Apartments weekly!
- Gina's Pizza and Deli paid it forward by feeding all of Maple Grove apartments. Thank you!
- City Council Members, working the Senior Supplemental Food Distributions at the Albion Food Hub, recognized a large build-up of cardboard due to the increased food demands of our community during the COVID-19 crisis and offered to find a solution. Granger stepped up and provided a recycling container delivered to the Food Hub. More than 200 Hub boxes are distributed weekly by volunteers



Calhoun County Unified Law Enforcement

Please continue to call your local police agencies direct regarding complaints of EO's Do NOT call 911.

Investigations continue with each agency investigating calls, working with the Calhoun County Prosecutors Office, Michigan Attorney Generals Office, businesses and local Chambers.

Law Enforcement Update – Sheriff Steven Hinkley

Marine Patrol - Holiday Weekend

Taking advantage of recreational activities

Watercraft decals may take 2-3 weeks to arrive after renewal.

This is up to the discretion of law enforcement. Notification was made to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and local marine patrols to inform them of possible delays in mailing watercraft registrations and decals and asked them to exercise discretion when interacting with boaters with expired decals.





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



State Sen. John Bizon, MD

Sen. Bizon's SB 630 passed today in the Senate:

The Michigan Senate Wednesday approved a bill to create a new category of medical licensure to help smaller pharmacies secure needed medication. The bill would create the wholesale distributor-broker license to enable the purchase, trade, or delivery of a drug or device between pharmacies.

<https://www.senatorjohnbizon.com/bizon-bill-would-promote-continued-access-to-medications/>





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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