



Calhoun County Joint Information Center

Wednesday, November 25, 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





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

Contact Tracing Workloads - Pessell

Symptoms - Pessell

Recent Case Sources - Pessell

Important Takeaways - Pessell

Holiday Guidance - Dearing

Holiday Community Events - Scott

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Comments from Representatives-
Open to Elected Officials or their
representatives

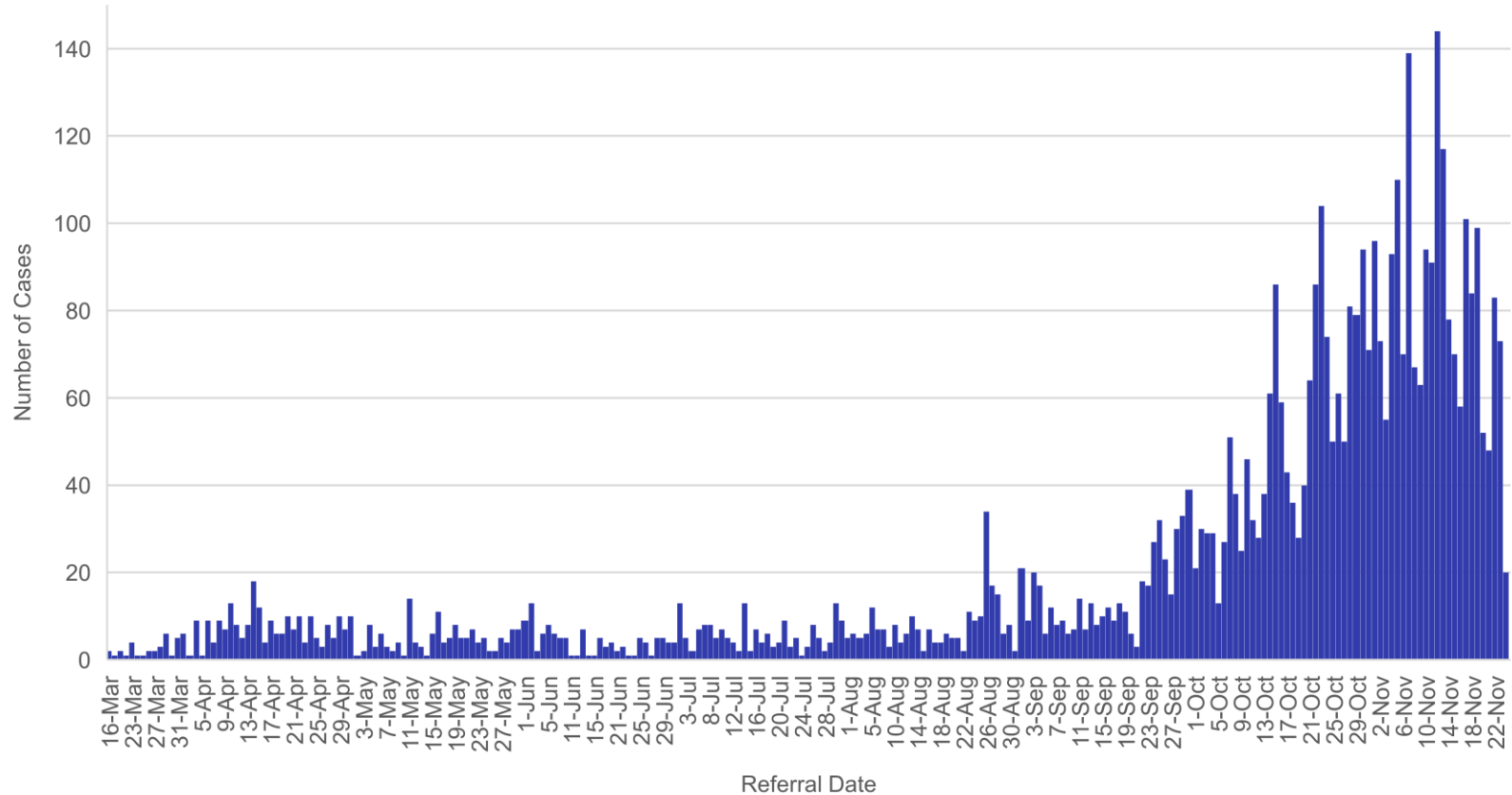


Current Situation

Last Updated: 11/24/2020 2:00 PM	
Positive for 2019-nCOV	4918
Total Hospitalizations	269
Deaths	107



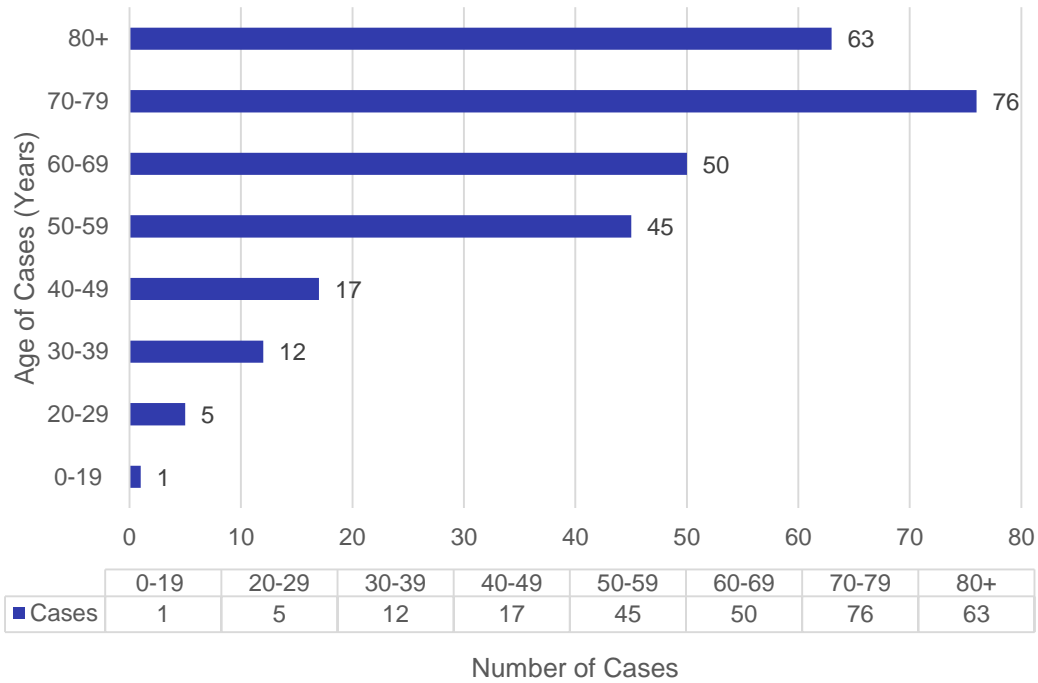
Positive COVID-19 Cases by Referral Date, Calhoun County, 2020



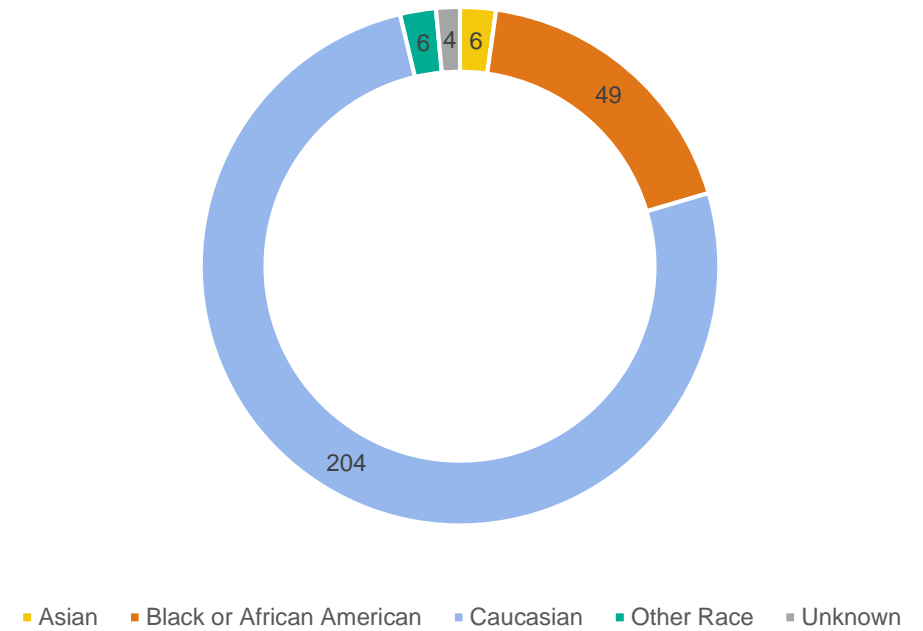


Demographics of Cases Hospitalized

Age Range of COVID-19 Cases Hospitalized



Race of COVID-19 Cases Hospitalized





Symptoms

Symptoms	
Fatigue/Lethargy/Weakness	79.6%
Headaches	79.0%
Cough	78.4%
Muscle Aches (Myalgia)	70.3%
Congestion (Coryza)	69.2%
Loss of Smell	62.5%
Fever	62.5%
Loss of Taste	61.9%
Runny nose (Rhinorrhea)	58.1%
Chills	57.1%
Sore Throat	51.1%
Diarrhea (≥3 loose stools/24 hr)	46.9%
Nausea	41.5%
Shortness of Breath (Dyspnea)	38.7%
Chest Pain	18.8%
Abdominal Pain	18.6%
Difficulty Breathing	18.0%
Vomiting	17.3%
Rigors	13.1%
Wheezing	7.6%
Evidence of Pneumonia	7.1%

Cases referred from 11/9-11/24

Note: Missing data has been excluded

- Symptoms look similar to flu or cold
- Check out a graphic on the Public Health Department Facebook a guide to distinguishing differences



Epi-Info and Trends

Positive COVID-19 cases referred from 11/9-11/24 - 1278

Trends We're Monitoring:

1. **14-Day Epi-Curve and Percent Positivity**
 - Monitoring this helps us to determine when the curve is beginning to flatten
2. **Outbreaks in Congregate Care Settings**
 - There's been a marked increase in the number of congregate settings with active outbreaks
3. **Workplace Outbreaks**
 - We've also noted an increase in the number of outbreaks in workplaces, particularly manufacturing

Epidemiologic Information	
Variable	11/9 to 11/24
Healthcare worker	2.9%
Live or work in high-risk/congregate facility	4.3%
Other Essential Worker/Critical Infrastructure	3.1%
In quarantine at time of onset/positive test	15.0%
Associated with known cluster/outbreak	4.9%
Healthcare contact to confirmed case	0.3%
Community contact to confirmed case	8.2%
Household contact to confirmed case	12.9%
Source of infection is unknown	18.5%

Note: Denominator is total number of referred cases



Important Takeaways

Action Should be Taken Now

We need to act now to bend the curve locally and Statewide

Protect yourself and your family by following simple protocols that are proven to work

COVID-19 Safety Protocols

Wash your hands

Wear a mask or face covering

Social distance

Have a safe and conscientious Thanksgiving and holiday weekend, so you can see family and friends next Thanksgiving!

Holiday Guidance

- Federal and state COVID-19 guidance says the safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving is with your immediate household
- If you celebrate with others, please follow the safety guidelines - masks, social distance, bring your own meal-time items
- Consider celebrating virtually!
- Guidance video on City of Battle Creek YouTube channel:
<https://youtu.be/Yw0Vf9C-sck>





Community Holiday Events

- Battle Creek YMCA - 10 a.m. Thursday providing up to 4 hot meals per person in main parking lot. All welcome, drive-thru or walk-up.
- Battle Creek YMCA - Virtual Turkey Trot 5K
- The Fire Hub - 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday serving family-size meals to go at BC Dept. of Public Works, 150 S. Kendall. All welcome.
- The Merry Mile drive-thru lights - Calhoun County Fairgrounds, Marshall. \$10 per car/truck/van. Starts Friday.



Governments Operational

- Your Calhoun County local governments continue to provide services during the pandemic
- Many buildings closed to in-person service, to help prevent community spread, follow epidemic orders - Albion, Battle Creek, Marshall, Springfield, to name a few
- Check municipal websites/social media for updates
- Receive services by phone, email, online - staff are working



Courts Update

- Due to high positivity rate in Calhoun, the Courts have returned to Phase 1 of the SCAO reopening plan
- Even so, courts remain fully operational except for jury trials
- Employees are working from home to the extent they can
- The website is up-to-date and will remain the main source of information for jurors
- Jury trials have been cancelled through January 15, 2021



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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