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**Date: Thursday, October 15, 2020** *Note: Updates will be posted on Mondays & Thursdays.*

**2019 Novel Coronavirus Update**

Today's report includes **37** new cases and **0** deaths. Additional data can be found below.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE:**

On Friday, October 2, 2020, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that Gov. Whitmer did not have the authority to continue a State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic beyond April 30. We understand that this has raised many questions regarding the current status. The results of this decision do not take effect for at least 21 days. While legislators, and other officials work to sort out the details, MDHHS epidemic orders provide for many of the same health and safety protocols covered by the executive orders.

Despite the political turmoil, COVID-19 continues to pose a public health threat. Many who contract the illness are reporting ongoing issues, such as lingering fatigue, shortness of breath, and organ damage. We do not yet know the long-term effects. I believe that the precautions taken by our citizens thus far have played a vital role in keeping the spread to current levels.

Until there is a vaccine and more effective treatment in place, we encourage you all to help protect those most vulnerable in our community by staying the course and following current protocols. These including wearing a mask when out in public, social distancing, washing/sanitizing hands frequently, avoiding large gatherings, especially if you are at high risk for complications, and stay home if you are ill or have flu-like symptoms. Additionally, get a flu-shot as soon as possible. Both influenza and COVID-19 can have devastating effects. You can reduce your risk from influenza now by getting a flu shot, which is available from many physicians and pharmacies, as well as the health department.

**DATA**

**Current Numbers** (as of 3:00 p.m. today): *(Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding)*

**MICHIGAN DATA**

	<b>Total</b>	
<b>Confirmed Cases</b>	141,091	For a variety of data on State level information, go to <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163_98173---,00.html">https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163_98173---,00.html</a>
<b>Reported Deaths</b>	6,973	
For more statewide data, including area "risk levels", see the MI Safe Start Map: <a href="https://www.mistartmap.info/">https://www.mistartmap.info/</a>		

**LAPEER COUNTY DATA**

	Total	% Males	% Females	Age Range	Avg. Age	Gen. Public	LTC Facility
<b>Confirmed Cases</b>	629	52	48	4 - 100	44.2 yrs.	583	*46
<b>"Probable Cases"</b>	128	48	52	2-91	--	122	6
<b>"Recovered"</b>	442	Recovered, as of 10/11/20 – See definition just below tables. <i>Updated Mondays</i>					
<b>Reported Deaths</b>	37	53	47	43 – 96	71.1 yrs.	17	*20

\* LTC Breakdown: The Villages – 41 cases; 18 deaths (+ 1 from "probable" list); Lapeer County Med. Care Facility – 5 cases; 2 deaths;

	Age 0-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80 +	Unknown
<b>Lapeer County Cases</b>	7%	24%	17%	13%	13%	12%	8%	5%	<1%
<b>Lapeer County Deaths</b>	0%	0%	0%	3%	16%	24%	32%	24%	0%

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## Definitions:

Active Cases: Individuals remain active as long as they are able to pass on the virus.

Recovered Cases: By the State's definition, "recovered" means the number of persons with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis who are alive 30 days post-onset (or referral date if onset is not available). This number will be updated every Monday.

Probable Cases: Individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19, but have not been tested, and meet one of the following conditions:

- They have been in close contact with a lab. confirmed case, developed symptoms, but have no test results at the time
- They have had a positive "serology test" and report a recent history of symptoms consistent with COVID-19. For a number of reasons, serology tests are not diagnostic. However, a positive serology test in conjunction with recent symptoms is considered a "probable" cases.

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**SCAM ALERT:** We have heard that scammers are targeting local citizens asking for info and/or money to provide test results. Local Health Departments, Medical Providers, Labs, etc., will NOT phone people and request money or personal information (such as social security numbers) in order to provide test results. You should never give this information over the phone to someone who phones you.

## Stress and Coping – there's help available:

If you, or someone you care about, are feeling overwhelmed with emotions like sadness, depression, or anxiety, or feel like you want to harm yourself or others call 911, or the Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746. (TTY 1-800-846-8517). Additionally, the local CMH (Community Mental Health) staff are available to assist county citizens, especially crisis intervention to address feelings of harm to self or others. Their number is 810-667-0500.

## Testing:

- **There are several urgent cares in the county (primarily Lapeer & Imlay City) where individuals may be tested. You do not need a physician's prescription for this, and anyone desiring a test may request one.**
- There is a link on the [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus) website for testing locations outside the county.
- Locations with testing available at no cost: [https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-99891\\_99912-530161--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-99891_99912-530161--,00.html)
- Reminder: The test is a "snapshot" in time. Depending on exposures, you could test negative one day but contract the illness the next. You still need to continue to monitor yourself for symptoms, practice social distancing, and wear a cloth face covering when you are out and about.
- There is a 3 page document posted on the website that explains tests a bit better.

Current known testing sites in Lapeer County – some, may require you to be a patient of theirs, so call ahead to be sure, as well as to check on days/hours of operation.

- Lapeer Community Urgent Care, 1227 Summit Dr., Lapeer, MI 810-969-4546
- Occupational Health & Convenient Care – McLaren (check ahead); 1181 S. Main, Lapeer 810-667-7040
- Total Urgent Care – 147 N. Almont Ave., Imlay City 810-721-7640
- Convenient Urgent Care (\$25 without insurance – no other charge), 700 S. Main #10, Lapeer, 810-969-4500
- We understand that the Washington Urgent Care (Macomb County) & Oxford Urgent Care (Oakland County) both offer the rapid test. Reminder – the closer to symptom onset that you use this test the more accurate the results.

**IMPORTANT CDC ADVISORY & FDA WARNING RE: Hand Sanitizers** – On July 5, 2020, the CDC sent out a Health Advisory warning regarding Methanol-based Hand Sanitizers. To view information regarding this advisory/warning click on this link: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-methanol> ; See [www.fda.gov/unsafehandsanitizers](http://www.fda.gov/unsafehandsanitizers) for information on additional warnings

### **Information/resource links:**

- The MDHHS website – [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus)
- Link to the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>
- **“Self-Checker”** - check your symptoms and see if they might meet criteria for COVID-19. Remember, this is only a tool. Your healthcare provider is the best source for additional information. Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html> . Near the bottom right you’ll see a gold colored, rectangular box that reads, “Self-Checker”. Click on the box and follow the instructions.
- New Attorney General Website for information or filing complaints: <https://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-359-98784---,00.html>
- For information on fraudulent coronavirus tests, vaccines, and treatments: <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/beware-fraudulent-coronavirus-tests-vaccines-and-treatments>
- Website for information regarding severe illness (& death) associated with using Non-Pharmaceutical Chloroquine Phosphate to prevent & treat Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2020/han00431.asp>
- The State has added a **“dashboard”** that illustrates COVID-19 risks and trends in Michigan, to provide residents with important information about the pandemic status where you live and work. The link to this dashboard is: <https://www.mistartmap.info/>
- For filing a work or business related complaint: [www.michigan.gov/mioshacomplaint](http://www.michigan.gov/mioshacomplaint)

### **General Reminders:**

- We know that the virus spreads person-to-person between those who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
- Public gatherings increase the likelihood of infection.
- Even if you don’t have symptoms, you could still be a carrier of the virus (which is why the masks & other guidance are important).
- By keeping with physical distancing and wearing a face cover in public, along with frequent hand washing and disinfecting, we can continue to make progress in the effort to reduce the severity of a second wave of infection.
- Stay home if you are sick. If concerned regarding COVID-19 symptoms, or if you think you may have been exposed, there are a number of urgent cares within the county, as well as locations in surrounding counties, where you may obtain COVID testing.
- Get outside and enjoy the weather – plant flowers, exercise, do your yardwork – Just be smart about it. We’re in this together and we can get through this together – if we all do our part to keep things under control until we can better treat the disease and have a good vaccine available to us.
- Do not share food, drinks, or other items. Have everyone bring their own snacks to small gatherings, or serve food with single-use serving utensils.
- If you choose to travel, remember to buckle up, follow speed limits, and don’t drink and drive