



LAPEER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 *Note: Updates will be posted on Mondays & Thursdays.*

2019 Novel Coronavirus Update

Today's report includes **7** new cases and **1** death. The one death listed occurred in May, but was not immediately reported to public health. Additional data can be found below.

IMPORTANT: If you develop symptoms and go for a test, you need to self-quarantine until you receive the test results. At times results take a number of days to return. If your test is positive and you were out and about, you most likely exposed many others – play it safe and stay at home to wait for those results.

*See further down for other regular Testing Locations.

Some add'l data - as of Sept. 10, although #s are up slightly from Sept. 1, Lapeer County is currently listed as "slow disease growth": infection rate (avg #of people each positive case is infecting) was 0.85 (<1 is good); positive test rate was 2.8% and daily new case count 7 day avg. was 3.4/100,000 people.

DATA

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

MICHIGAN DATA

	Total	
Confirmed Cases	112,612	For a variety of data on State level information, go to https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163_98173---,00.html
Reported Deaths	6,601	

LAPEER COUNTY DATA

	Total	% Males	% Females	Age Range	Avg. Age	Gen. Public	LTC Facility
Confirmed Cases	483	55	45	7 - 100	44.7 yrs.	436	*47
"Probable Cases"	89	51	49	8-91	--	83	6
"Recovered"	372	Recovered, as of 09/13/20 – See definition just below tables. <i>Updated Mondays</i>					
Reported Deaths	36	50	50	43 – 99	72.7 yrs.	15	*21

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

	Age 0-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80 +	Unknown
Lapeer County Cases	5%	26%	17%	13%	11%	12%	8%	7%	<1%
Lapeer County Deaths	0%	0%	0%	3%	14%	22%	33%	28%	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.

*SEE FARTHER DOWN FOR RECENT HAND SANITIZER ADVISORY

*SEE RESOURCE SECTION BELOW REGARDING INFORMATION ON BUSINESS/WORKPLACE SAFETY CONCERNS/REPORTING

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 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
- 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

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 for information on additional warnings

Business Activity & Executive Orders

As we move forward, we still caution you to observe some precautions to reduce the risk of disease spread:

- Continue to practice social distancing (at least 6 feet apart) and wearing masks in public places, including convenience stores, larger stores, worksites, etc.
- Curbside pickup continues to be a great option to limit contact with large groups of people, and limit the number of family members in the store.
- Continue to disinfect commonly touched surfaces often; and use good handwashing/hygiene practices.
- If you're a business owner, have a plan in place so that you can ensure a safe environment for your employees and customers. Additionally, include in your plan how you will handle an employee in your workplace when they test positive
- **Reporting Concerns:** I've received phone calls regarding businesses where employees are not using PPE (such as face masks). **If you are an employee and have concerns** regarding your place of employment, including provision of needed PPE (such as face masks, etc.) for your job, a MIOSHA complaint form can be completed and submitted on line, and can be done anonymously if desired (you need to provide your name for MIOSHA, but it will not be given to your employer if you so request). **Beginning 7/13/20, non-employees may also** complete this form. To locate the document, go to www.michigan.gov/mioshacomplaint. It can also be downloaded and mailed in.

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

Information/resource links: (SEE NEW DASHBOARD LINK AT BOTTOM)

- The MDHHS website – 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.
- Link for all related Executive Orders: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-521682--,00.html
- **Frequently Asked COVID-19 Questions** - https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-521682--,00.html (same link as one for executive orders)
- 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>
- "Michigan COVID-19 Business Response Center" link: : <https://www.blmccovid19.com/> Additionally, NOTE: Public Health Officials continue to work closely with MERC (Michigan Economic Recovery Council) to put these and other guidance documents available to assist businesses in opening "smartly". Taking precautions, including having employees wear masks and stay home if they are sick, helps reduce the risk of the businesses and their valued customers being affected. See also a new document posted to this (Lapeer County) website, "Overview Guide for Reopening Businesses."
- 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/>
- Link for information on Preventing Occupational Exposure to Legionella – this can happen when buildings have been shut down/water systems interrupted or in low use. <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/wp-solutions/2019-131/default.html> ; and Legionella Toolkit checklist for helping determine risk: <https://www.cdc.gov/legionella/wmp/toolkit/wmp-risk.html>