

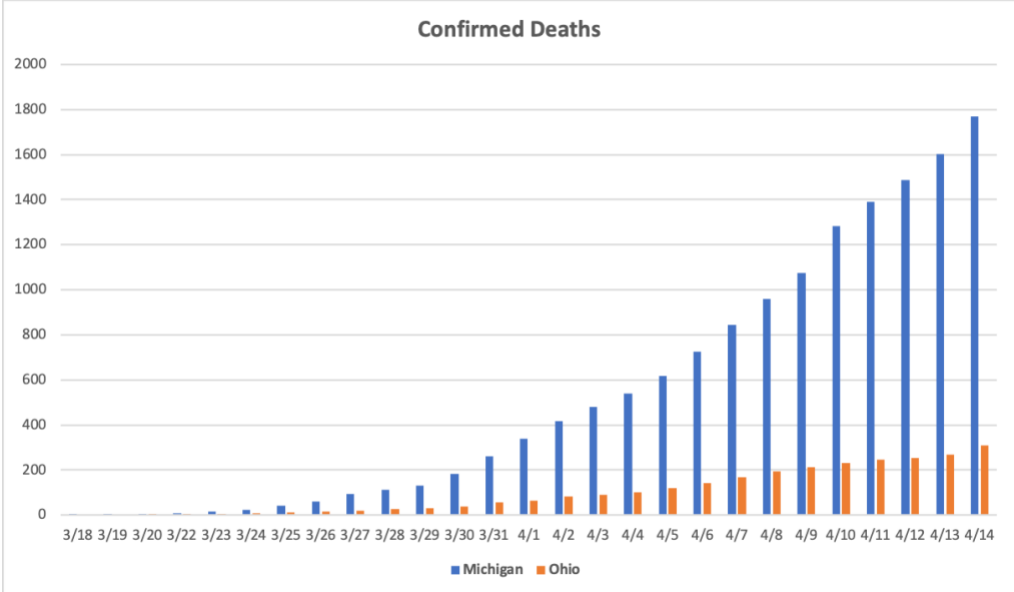
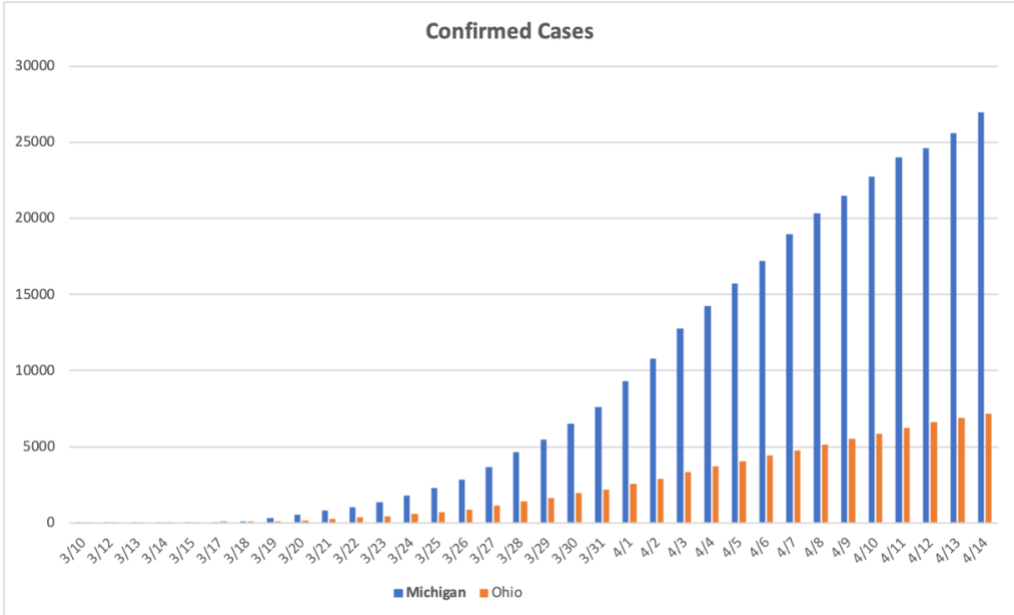


**Michigan**

Daily Cases: 1,366  
**Total Cases: 27,001**  
 Daily Deaths: 166  
**Total Deaths: 1,768**

**Ohio**

Daily Cases:  
**Total Cases: 7,153**  
 Daily Deaths:  
**Total Deaths: 309**



**Governor Gretchen Whitmer** issued five new Executive Orders (hyperlinks below with all EOs):

- **Executive Order 2020-43** – Extends the prior restrictions on the use of public places of accommodations through April 30. This includes restaurants, gyms, theaters, and more.
- **Executive Order 2020-44** – Extends the relief from weight and other delivery-related restrictions for vehicles carrying essential supplies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 through May 11.
- **Executive Order 2020-45** – Extends the allowance of certain state administrative hearings to be held by video conference or phone in place of in-person hearings through May 11.
- **Executive Order 2020-46** – Tasks the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to initiate a spirits buy-back program for bars and restaurants.
- **Executive Order 2020-27** – Temporarily extends the expiration of driver's licenses, state id cards, and commercial vehicle registration that expires during the emergency declaration.

### **Governor Kick Starts Liquor Buy Back Program**

As a result of restaurants and bars being closed for dining in, many places of business have excess supply of spirits. Additionally, those same places are facing a sharp decline in sales during this time. To provide financial relief, Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-26, which directs the state's Liquor Control Commission to use their revolving fund to buy remaining inventory purchased prior to March 16, 2020, for the full purchase price. "The governor's order closing restaurants and bars, except for takeout, placed a heavy burden on the food and drink industry. This is one step the state is taking to help ease the financial burden, while helping to keep a critical industry afloat during these economically challenging times," said Brendan Ringlever of MLC. Licensees approved for the program have 90 days after Michigan's emergency order and disaster declaration are lifted to re-purchase the spirits from the Commission.

The Commission is expected to meet on April 14 to take official action on this order. Licensees must make their request no later than April 17 at 5 p.m. [via an online form](#).

Cases of **COVID-19 in Michigan** have raised much higher and faster than neighboring Ohio. There are six reasons why that may be the case. [Click here to read more](#).

The most recent **stay-at-home order** has sparked a lot of confusion among residents as to what is, and isn't, allowed under the order. [Click here to read answers to 20 FAQs](#).

**Governor Gretchen Whitmer** provided an update on the state's response to COVID-19 yesterday. [Click here to watch the full video](#).

Michigan is **third highest in the nation for unemployment claims** and the Unemployment Insurance Agency is struggling to keep up with the high demand. [Click here to read more.](#)

Six Republican members of **Michigan's Congressional delegation** sent a letter to Governor Gretchen Whitmer expressing their concerns with her most recent stay-at-home Executive Order. [Click here to read the letter.](#)

**Oakland County** issued an order mandating all essential workers wear face masks. [Click here to read more.](#)

As states across the country work to draft budgets for the upcoming Fiscal Year, **governors will have hard choices** to make in response to the massive reductions in revenue that many will face. [Click here to read more.](#)

The **U.S. Department of Agriculture** published a guide for rural communities, which provides information on the resources available for assistance. [Click here to read the guide.](#)

**U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer** may reach an agreement in the coming days on another round of federal aid. [Click here to read more.](#)

After a **major food supplier** is forced to shut down a plant following a virus outbreak among workers, it brings into the forefront the question if those in the food supply chain should receive personal protection equipment. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **Description and Links to Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders Related to COVID-19:**

While we have been sharing these executive orders with you as they were announced, the following is a complete list with links to each of the Executive Orders (**new orders are highlighted**):

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-47](#) – Temporarily extends the expiration of driver's licenses, state id cards, and commercial vehicle registration that expires during the emergency declaration.

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[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-43](#) – Extends the prior restrictions on the use of public places of accommodations through April 30. This includes restaurants, gyms, theaters, and more.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-42](#) – Extends the stay-at-home order through the end of April.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-41](#) – Allows the use of electronic signatures, remote notarizations, remote witness attestations and acknowledgments, and remote visitations.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-40](#) – Waives International Fuel Tax Association credentialing requirements for motor carriers delivering certain products.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-39](#) – Suspends certain requirements regarding licensing and regulation of emergency medical services.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-38](#) – Allows public bodies to defer portions of FOIA requests that would require workers to report to work in-person.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-37](#) – Renews the previous restrictions on entry into care facilities and juvenile justice facilities, extending it until May 3.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-36](#) – Prohibits employers from firing or disciplining an employee who stays home if they or someone close to them tests positive for COVID-19.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-35](#) – Orders K-12 schools to remain closed for the remainder of the school year.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-34](#) – Provides clarity on the earlier order placing temporary restrictions on non-essential veterinary services.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-33](#) – Declares a state of disaster for Michigan and expands the state of emergency.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-31](#) – Suspends the April 1 requirement for lower vapor pressure gasoline.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-30](#) - Relaxes the scope of practice laws, allowing qualified physician assistants, nurses, and other health care providers to help combat COVID-19.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-29](#) – Details the Department of Correction’s risk-reduction protocols and encourages county jails and local lockups to adopt them.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-28](#) – Requires the reconnection of water service to residences that have had their water shut off.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-27](#) – Allows the Department of State to assist local jurisdictions in mailing absentee ballot applications to every registered voter for the May 5 election.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-26](#) – Moves all April tax filing deadlines to July.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-25](#) – Allows pharmacists to refill prescriptions for up to a 60-day supply and requires insurance to cover the refills.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-24](#) – Provides clarity on how the expansion of eligibility for unemployment benefits will work.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-22](#) – Extends the deadline to complete the canvass of the March 10 primary to April 24.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-19](#) – Provides a temporary prohibition against entry to premises for the purpose of removing or excluding a tenant or mobile homeowner from their home.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-18](#) – Enhances restrictions on price gouging.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-17](#) – Provides temporary restrictions on non-essential medical and dental procedures.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-16](#) - Expanding childcare access during the COVID-19 emergency.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-15](#) - Temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings and temporary relief from monthly meeting requirements for school boards.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-14](#) - Temporary extension of deadline to redeem property for nonpayment of delinquent property taxes.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-13](#) – Temporary enhancements to operational capacity and efficiency of health care facilities.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2020 -11](#) - Temporary prohibition on large assemblages and events, along with temporary school closures.

Additionally, the following website is a source for updated information from the administration: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>.

While these are very uncertain times, please know that the MLC Team is available to answer your questions. Additionally, we will provide regular updates as more information becomes available.