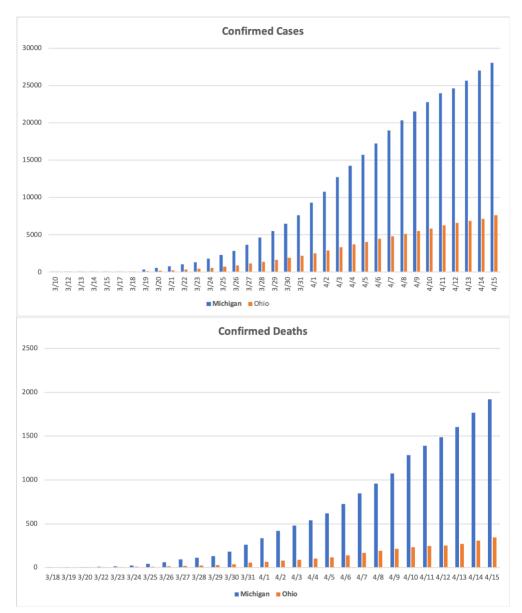
COVID-19 SPECIAL UPDATE 4.15.2020

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Michigan Daily Cases: 1,058 Total Cases: 28,059 Daily Deaths: 153 Total Deaths: 1,058 Ohio Daily Cases: 475 Total Cases: 7,628 Daily Deaths: 37 Total Deaths: 346



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

- Executive Order 2020-48 Extends until May 12 the ability for local boards, commissions, councils, nonprofit boards, and others, to meet utilizing telephones or video conferencing.
- Executive Order 2020-49 Extends until May 12 the authority for the departments to waive or defer certain requirements in order to expedite the process of bringing additional care facilities online.
- **Executive Order 2020-50** The state will work with long-term care facilities to establish regional hubs, which will provide higher levels of care and services.

Holding Local Meetings in the Time of COVID-19

One key part of tackling COVID-19 is to ensure local public bodies can continue to meet in a safe manner. For this reason, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-48, which allows for just that. This order expands from a previous order, the length of a time for which a public body can meet via telephone or video conference.

Under the order, those bodies must take steps to ensure the public has access to those meetings, including either a telephone number or website to allow for remote participation. "Local bodies, such as school boards and commissions are on the front lines of helping the state tackling this challenge. It's critical they remain open and transparent by allowing the public to participate while being able to still meet in a safe manner," explained Tim Ward, President of MLC.

Following the lead of governors in the Northeast and West, **Governor Gretchen Whitmer** and fellow Great Lakes governors are discussing building a coalition to reopen the economy. <u>Click here to read more</u>.

Jeff Donofrio, director at the **Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity**, provided an update on the unemployment system and implementation of the federal CARES Act. <u>Click here to watch his update</u>.

The **Congressional Budget Office** has released an updated economic forecast for the second quarter or 2020. <u>Click here to read the report.</u>

The **Department of Health and Human Services** is reaching out to residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 to check on their health status and provide information and action they should be taking. <u>Click here to read more</u>.

The state has set up a **FAQ site for the Executive Order 2020-49**, which allows for certain public bodies to hold meetings via telephone or video conferencing. <u>Click here to visit the webpage</u>.

Michigan has expanded the list of **people who will be tested** for COVID-19. <u>Click here to</u> read the new guidelines.

The **World Health Organization** has outlined six factors that should be in place prior to a government lifting any type of shelter-in-place orders. <u>Click here to read more.</u>

Retails sales declined last month by the highest percent since the Commerce Department began tracking the data. <u>Click here to read more.</u>

Some cities and states are restricting, or placing conditions on **out-of-state visitors**, raising questions over the legality of the practice. <u>Click here to read more</u>.

According to a recent analysis by the **Citizens Research Council**, the City of Detroit is projected to face a \$100 million shortfall in their budget as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. <u>Click here to read the full analysis</u>.

Some potential good news for sports fans, **Dr. Anthony Fauci** is optimistic that we can return to sports in the future, albeit without fans. <u>Click here to read more.</u>

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 2020-50 – The state will work with long-term care facilities to establish regional hubs, which will provide higher levels of care and services.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-49 – Extends until May 12 the authority for the departments to waive or defer certain requirements in order to expedite the process of bringing additional care facilities online.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-48 – Extends until May 12 the ability for local boards, commissions, councils, nonprofit boards, and others, to meet utilizing telephones or video conferencing.

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. EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-46 – Tasks the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to initiate a spirits buy-back program for bars and restaurants.

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 2020-44 – 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 2020-43 – 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 2020-14 - Temporary extension of deadline to redeem property for nonpayment of delinquent property taxes.

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: <u>https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus</u>.

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.