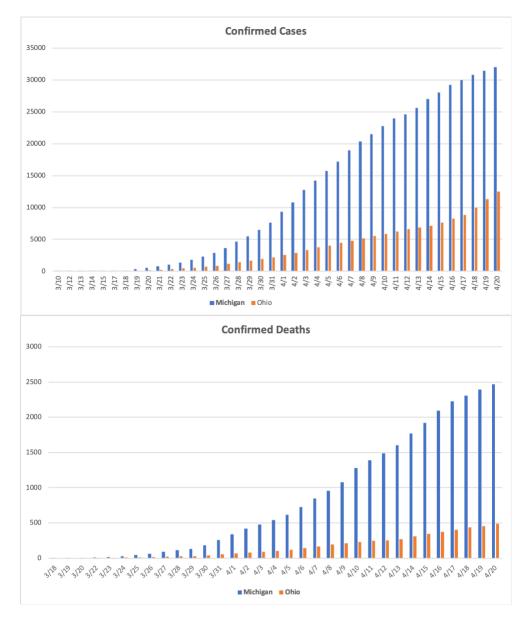
## COVID-19 SPECIAL UPDATE 4.20.2020

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Michigan Daily Cases: 576 Total Cases: 32,000 Daily Deaths: 77 Total Deaths: 2,468 Ohio Daily Cases: 1,224 Total Cases: 12,516 Daily Deaths: 38 Total Deaths: 491



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

- **Executive Order 2020-53** Extends the restrictions through May 15 on excessive pricing of goods, materials, emergency supplies, and consumer food items.
- **Executive Order 2020-54** Extends the prohibition on evictions or demanding possession of premises for nonpayment through May 15.
- **Executive Order 2020-55** Creates the Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities.

## House Republicans Detail Plan to Reopen Michigan

On Monday, the House Republicans released their plan, which is a three-step process to get Michigan back towards a semblance of normal life. It relies on a risk-based, regional approach, instead of a statewide approach, as Governor Whitmer has utilized. "Speaker Chatfield has spoken out against a one-size fits all approach, in favor of a regional approach. This plan reflects that belief and will treat different regions throughout the state differently, depending on the activity level of the virus in their area," said Patti Tremblay of MLC.

During step one, counties would be placed into three tiers; highest risk, heightened risk, and standard risk. The criteria for assigning a county into a tier includes the hospital admission rate, the rate of spread, reported deaths, and percentage of growth. However, the plan places Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Counties into Tier 1, the highest risk. Activity levels allowed within the county would be based on the tier they are placed in.

Additionally, the plan creates a transition task force, whose members include the Chief Medical Officer, a small business owner, a representative of labor, and more.

For more information, please visit gophouse.gov/michigans-comeback-roadmap.

**Governor Whitmer** stated her intentions to work towards opening businesses, but the lack of available testing is holding any movement back. <u>Click here to read more.</u>

How **former MLC lobbyist**, Detroit resident, and Michigan's premier soccer executive is managing his soccer club through COVID-19. <u>Click here to read more</u>.

While once a hotspot of cases, Detroit is finally seeing some declining numbers. However, as SE Michigan shows improvement, **outstate cases are on the rise**. Click here to read more.

The **Detroit Police Department** has been hit hard by coronavirus, including numerous positive tests, quarantines, and deaths throughout their ranks. <u>Click here to read more</u>.

The **Michigan Department of Treasury** provided additional guidance for businesses on tax filing deadlines as a result of COVID-19. <u>Click here to read more.</u>

The **U.S. Senate** will be in session tomorrow where it is anticipated they may be able to pass another round of aid in response to COVID-19. <u>Click here to read more.</u>

In order for life to get back to normal in a safe manner, the country will need to ramp up the number of **tests completed to 20 million**. <u>Click here to read more</u>.

The restriction of non-essential travel between **Canada and the U.S**. has been extended for an additional thirty-days. <u>Click here to read more</u>.

The **Government Accountability Office** is beginning their internal audits and will provide some of the first information into how the administration is handling the pandemic. 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 2020-55 – Creates the Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-54 – Extends the prohibition on evictions or demanding possession of premises for nonpayment through May 15.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-53 – Extends the restrictions through May 15 on excessive pricing of goods, materials, emergency supplies, and consumer food items.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-52 – Temporarily suspends requirements for in-person examinations for renewals of pesticide certificates.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-51 – Extends the expansion of childcare access during the COVID-19 emergency through May 13.

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. <u>EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-40</u> – 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 2020-17 – Provides temporary restrictions on non-essential medical and dental procedures.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-14 - Temporary extension of deadline to redeem property for nonpayment of delinquent property taxes.

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.