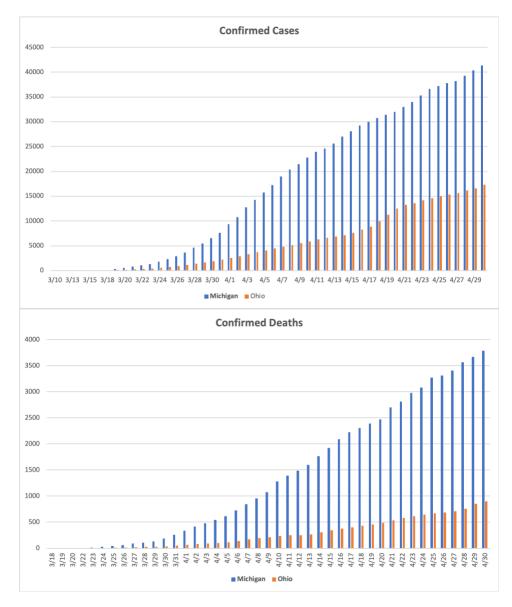
# COVID-19 SPECIAL UPDATE 4.30.2020

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Michigan Daily Cases: 980 Total Cases: 41,379 Daily Deaths: 119 Total Deaths: 3,789 Ohio Daily Cases: 684 Total Cases: 17,285 Daily Deaths: 42 Total Deaths: 898



**Governor Gretchen Whitmer** has issued one new Executive Order (hyperlinks below with all EOs) since yesterday's update:

• **Executive Order 2020-64** – Requires health care facilities to develop protocols that ensure non-discrimination in the event demand for health care exceeds availability.

## Governor Signs Order Places Requirements on Health Care Facilities

Yesterday evening, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-64, aimed at ensuring equitable access to health care during the pandemic. The order seeks to affirm the right to receive medical care without discrimination based on stereotypes, assessments of quality of life, or judgements about a person based on the presence of disabilities or other factors. "Other countries have experienced a lack of adequate supplies to meet the needs of their ill residents. By issuing this order, Governor Whitmer is trying to make it clear from the onset how health care facilities in Michigan should operate should the state get to that point," explained Matt Sowash of MLC.

Under the order, designated health care facilities must develop patient care protocols for when demand exceeds availability of resources that prohibit discriminatory decision-making based on a number of factors. Facilities must also provide sign language interpreters if requested, coordinate and share information about availability of resources with the Department of Health and Human Services, and post protocols online and provide them upon request.

#### Michigan Articles

The **House** votes to approve a resolution allowing Speaker Lee Chatfield to legally challenge Governor Whitmer's action taken during the pandemic. <u>Click here to read more.</u>

Today, **protestors** entered the State Capitol Building during session to protest the governor's stay-at-home order. <u>Click here to read more.</u>

**Governor Whitmer** provided her weekly Wednesday update on the state's response to the virus. <u>Click here to watch the video.</u>

The **legislature** is seeking additional powers over the state's response to the virus, but Governor Whitmer isn't on board. <u>Click here to read more</u>.

#### National Articles

In an effort to help the economy, the **Federal Reserve** indicated they will keep short-term interest rates low for the foreseeable future. <u>Click here to read more</u>.

**Telemedicine** has risen in use during the pandemic and many are advocating for it to become permeant. <u>Click here to read more.</u>

**Unemployment claims** have covered many sectors, including many professional and public sectors that typically don't experience this type of job losses. <u>Click here to read more.</u>

The next round of federal aid may include funding to aid defense companies the **Pentagon** works with. <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- 64 – Requires health care facilities to develop protocols that ensure non-discrimination in the event demand for health care exceeds availability.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-63 – Extends existing personal protection orders until 90 days after Michigan's emergency declaration is lifted.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-62 – Details the Department of Correction's risk-reduction protocols and encourages county jails and local lockups to adopt them.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-61 – Extends and expands a prior order relaxing the scope of practice laws, allowing qualified physician assistants, nurses, and other health care providers to help combat COVID-19.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-60 – Establishes requirements to reduce exposure for customers and employees at pharmacies and food-selling establishments.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-59 – Extends the Stay-at-Home order through May 15 and eases certain restrictions from the prior order. Requires face masks when in an enclosed public building.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-58 – Extends the deadline of case-initiation of civil and probate matters.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-57 – Expands eligibility for unemployment benefits.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-56 – Extends the previous order, allowing pharmacists to refill prescriptions for up to a 60-day supply and requires insurance to cover the refills.

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 2020-41 – 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 2020-28 – 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 2020-22 – 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.

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