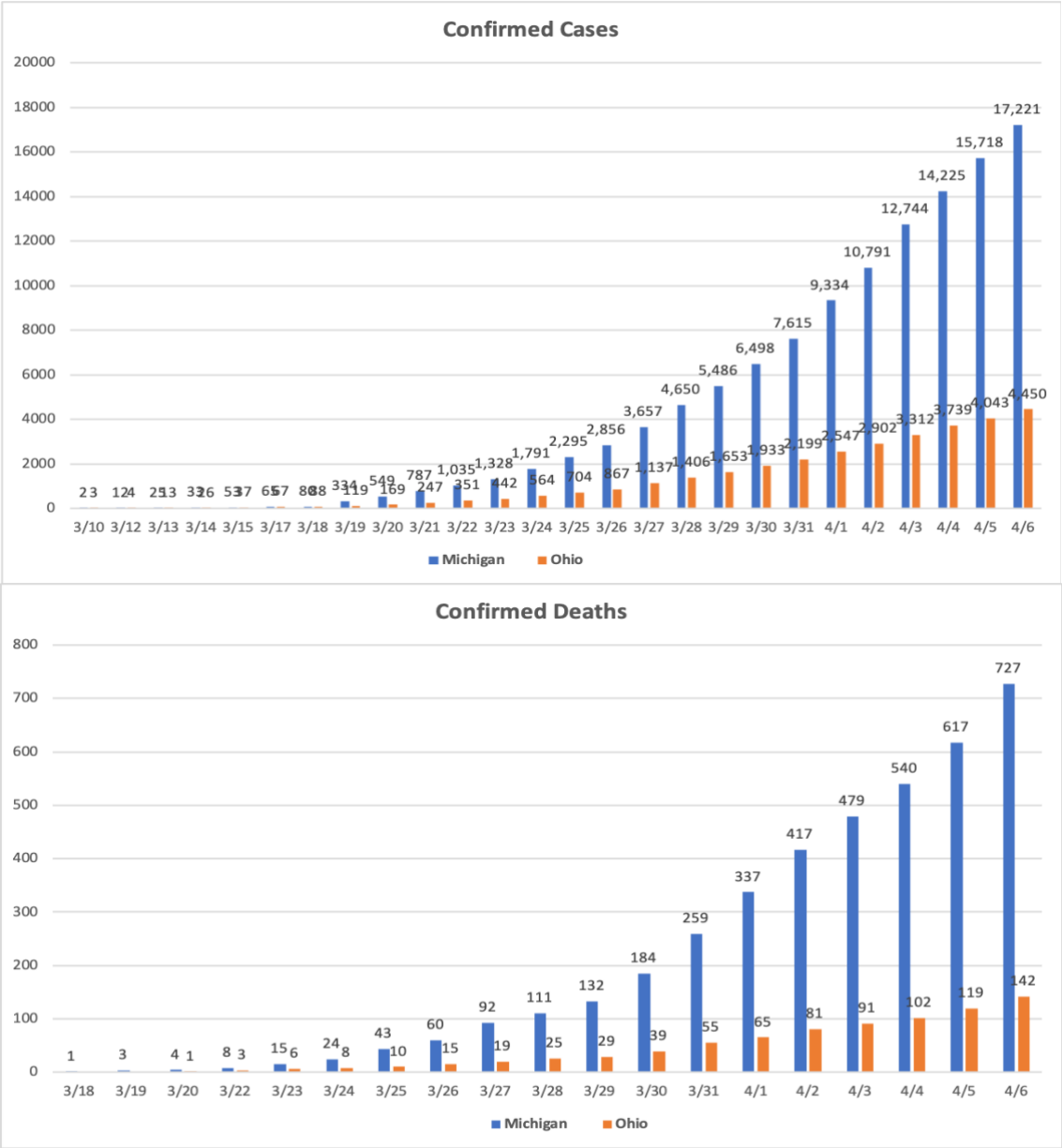




To keep you informed on what's happening at the State Capitol in response to COVID-19, we wanted to share with you the following updates.



Governor Gretchen Whitmer has issued two new executive orders (hyperlinks below with all EOs):

- **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.

Ahead of Tuesday's scheduled session day, **House Speaker Lee Chatfield** and **House Democratic Leader Christine Greig** traded letters over the weekend. [Click here to read both letters.](#)

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has requested the legislature to extend the emergency declaration and extend the governor's authority, however, the Republican House and Senate leadership isn't quite on board. [Click here to read more.](#)

State Representative Karen Whitsett, a Democratic member from Detroit, has tested positive for COVID-19. [Click here to read more.](#)

Michigan ranks third in the country for COVID-19 cases and **Vice President Mike Pence** has pledged the Federal government's support as the state works to combat the virus. [Click here to read more.](#)

The **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services** issued an emergency order requiring physicians and funeral homes to quickly report COVID-19 suspected deaths the department. [Click here to read the order.](#)

The **Michigan Strategic Fund** approved modifications to the Business Accelerator Fund to provide greater support to businesses in the statewide SmartZone network serving startups and high-tech companies impacted by COVID-19. [Click here for more information.](#)

The **Department of Natural Resources** reminded residents that while most state parks, trails, and boating facilities remain open, they are closely monitoring adherence to proper social distancing practices. [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 2020-38](#) – 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 2020-23](#) – Temporarily allows administrative hearings to be held by video conference or telephone, in place of in-person hearings.

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

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-21](#) – Temporary shelter in place for the state through April 13.

[EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-20](#) – Extends the temporary restrictions on the use of public places of accommodations through April 13. The order adds hair, nail, and tanning salons to the list of restricted places.

[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 2020-12](#) - Enhanced support for deliveries.

[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.