COVID-19 SPECIAL UPDATE  6.17.2020

**MICHIGAN**
Daily Cases: 204  
**Total Cases: 60,393**  
Daily Deaths: 2  
**Total Deaths: 5,792**

**INDIANA**
Daily Cases: 264  
**Total Cases: 41,013**  
Daily Deaths: 24  
**Total Deaths: 2,289**

**OHIO**
Daily Cases: 392  
**Total Cases: 39,303**  
Daily Deaths: 15  
**Total Deaths: 2,377**

**ILLINOIS**
Daily Cases: 546  
**Total Cases: 134,185**  
Daily Deaths: 87  
**Total Deaths: 6,485**

**WISCONSIN**
Daily Cases: 256  
**Total Cases: 23,454**  
Daily Deaths: 18  
**Total Deaths: 712**

Statistics updated 06/17/2020
Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued one new Executive Order (hyperlinks below with recent EOs):
Executive Order 2020-124 - Extends prior order to continue to allow pharmacists to dispense emergency refills of prescriptions for up to 60 days' worth for patients and require insurance to cover early refills for up to 90 days' worth.

Schools to Reopen in the Fall

Today Governor Whitmer announced that schools may resume in-person learning, with strict safety measures in place. As part of the move to reopen, on June 30th the governor will release an executive order and a document called "Michigan's Return to School Roadmap" that will provide details on what will be required and will be recommended for schools. The Roadmap will set the minimum health and safety requirements, although districts may choose to enact more aggressive ones. The minimum standards will apply to all schools, including traditional public, charter, private, and parochial schools.

MLC COVID-19 Updates Moving to Weekly Format

Due to the declining number of Executive Orders, updates from the governor's office, and news surrounding the virus, we will transition our daily updates to weekly updates beginning next week. You can expect to receive our COVID-19 newsletter on Monday afternoons in your inbox. As always, should there be breaking news on the virus as it relates to Michigan we will email a breaking news update ASAP. If you have any questions, please reach out to your lobbyist.

MICHIGAN ARTICLES

Unlike other areas of the country, Northern Michigan hasn't experienced a spike in the number of cases after reopening. Click here to read more.

The current State of Emergency will expire on Friday, but today Governor Whitmer announced she will extend it through July. Click here to read more.
The latest battle is over the **recent spike in cases**, with one side stating it's due to increased testing, while the other side believes it's due to lifting restrictions. [Click here to read more.](#)

Experts agree that **contact tracing** is key to fighting the virus. However, contact tracers are running into a major problem - getting people to answer their phones. [Click here to read more.](#)

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

We are sharing executive orders with you as they are announced. A complete list with links to each of the Executive Orders is [available here.](#)

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-124** - Extends prior order to continue to allow pharmacists to dispense emergency refills of prescriptions for up to 60 days' worth for patients and require insurance to cover early refills for up to 90 days' worth.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-122** - Beginning June 20, statute of limitations will return to normal calculation.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-120** - Lifts restrictions on overnight residential, travel, and troop camps beginning June 15.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-119** - Temporarily suspends transfers into and from Department of Correction facilities unless jails adopt certain risk-reduction protocols.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-118** - Extends the ban on evictions through June 30.

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

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