

Welcome and Introductions

Wednesday, March 23, 2022



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Welcome to our final presentation.

What you need to know:

- There has been a restructuring within MDHHS.
- For details, read the press release: <https://bit.ly/3q6kF8m>



- But -- we aren't going anywhere! We are still here to help you. Stay tuned for today's presentation about where to find COVID-19 resources and guidance for AFCs and HFAs.

- As part of the restructuring, this regular meeting is being discontinued.
- This email inbox will be shut down:
MDHHS-COVID-AFC-HFA-Response@Michigan.gov
- But these email boxes are still available for your questions!

Staffing: MDHHS-LTCStaffing@michigan.gov

Vaccines: MDHHS-COVID-Longtermcare@Michigan.gov

Testing: MDHHS-COVIDTestingSupport@michigan.gov

Emergency Orders: MDHHS-MSA-COVID19@michigan.gov

Infection Prevention: MDHHS-IPRAT@michigan.gov

Consider joining the Long Term Care Facility COVID Response Call

- Toll-free phone meeting each month
- Open to anyone involved in operating a congregate care living facility
- MDHHS experts provide updates on vaccines, testing, epidemiology, infection prevention and more
- Watch your email for notices about these monthly call-in meetings. Next meeting is set for April 12, 10– 11:30 a.m.

Exciting news!

Financial support opportunity

- Qualified AFC and HFA facilities may receive funds from the state equal to \$700 per bed
- Granted on a reimbursement basis: facilities meeting the requirements must register in SIGMA as a vendor to receive reimbursements
- Applications must be received by June 21, 2022
- Guidance documents and forms can be found at:
https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_104888---,00.html

Prioritizing Mental Health in Healthcare

2022
Behavioral
Health
Symposium



SAVE THE DATE

Behavioral Health Symposium
for the healthcare community
June 16, 2022

CEs will be offered for Doctors, Nurses, EMS, Social Workers and Nursing Home Administrators.

Registration now open:

<https://www.train.org/mi-train/course/1102277/conference>

Today's topics and guests

“Do I need to mask?” – How to determine the answer

- Katie Puskar, Disaster Preparedness Analyst – Healthcare Preparedness Program
- Denise Parr, Infection Prevention Resource & Assessment Team (IPRAT)

Looking ahead: Where to find COVID-19 guidance

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“Do I need to mask?”

“When do I need to test?”

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IPRAT

Infection Prevention Resource and Assessment Team

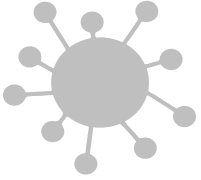
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**It's a matter of following
the correct map.**

COVID-19 Community Levels

OR

COVID-19 Community Transmission Rates?



CDC's new [COVID-19 Community Levels](#) recommendations **do not apply in healthcare settings, such as hospitals and nursing homes**. Instead, healthcare settings should continue to use [Community Transmission Rates](#) and continue to follow CDC's infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare settings.

[CMS QSO 20-38-NH](#)

“Facilities should use their **community transmission level** as the trigger for staff testing frequency. Reports of COVID-19 level of community transmission are available on the CDC COVID-19 Integrated County View site:

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>”

[Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Spread in Nursing Homes | CDC](#)

New Community Level Site

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COVID-19 by County

Updated Feb. 25, 2022 Languages Print

Know Your COVID-19 Community Level

[COVID-19 Community Levels](#) are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.



COVID-19 County Check

Find community levels and prevention steps by county.

Select a Location (all fields required)

State

County

Go

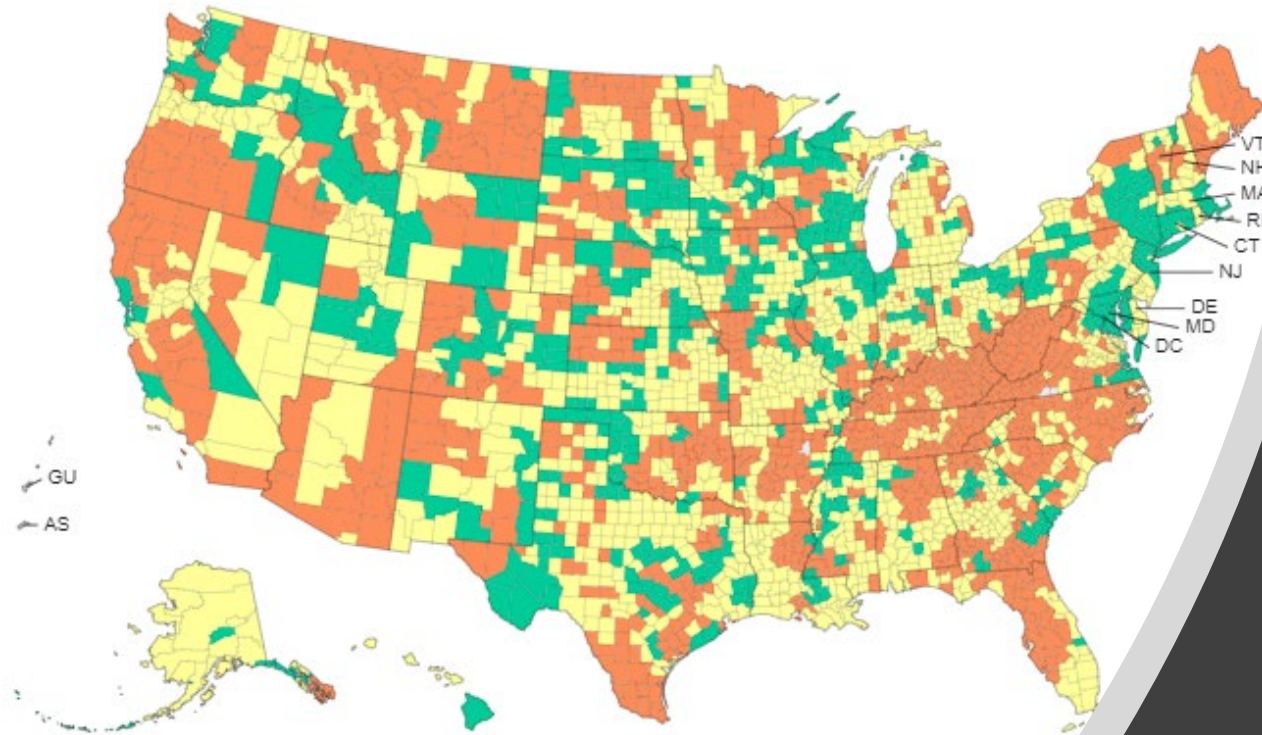
What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautionsStay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wear a mask indoors in publicStay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptomsAdditional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

U.S. COVID-19 Community Levels by County

Data provided by CDC

Updated: Feb. 24, 2022



Legend

High

Medium

Low

N/A

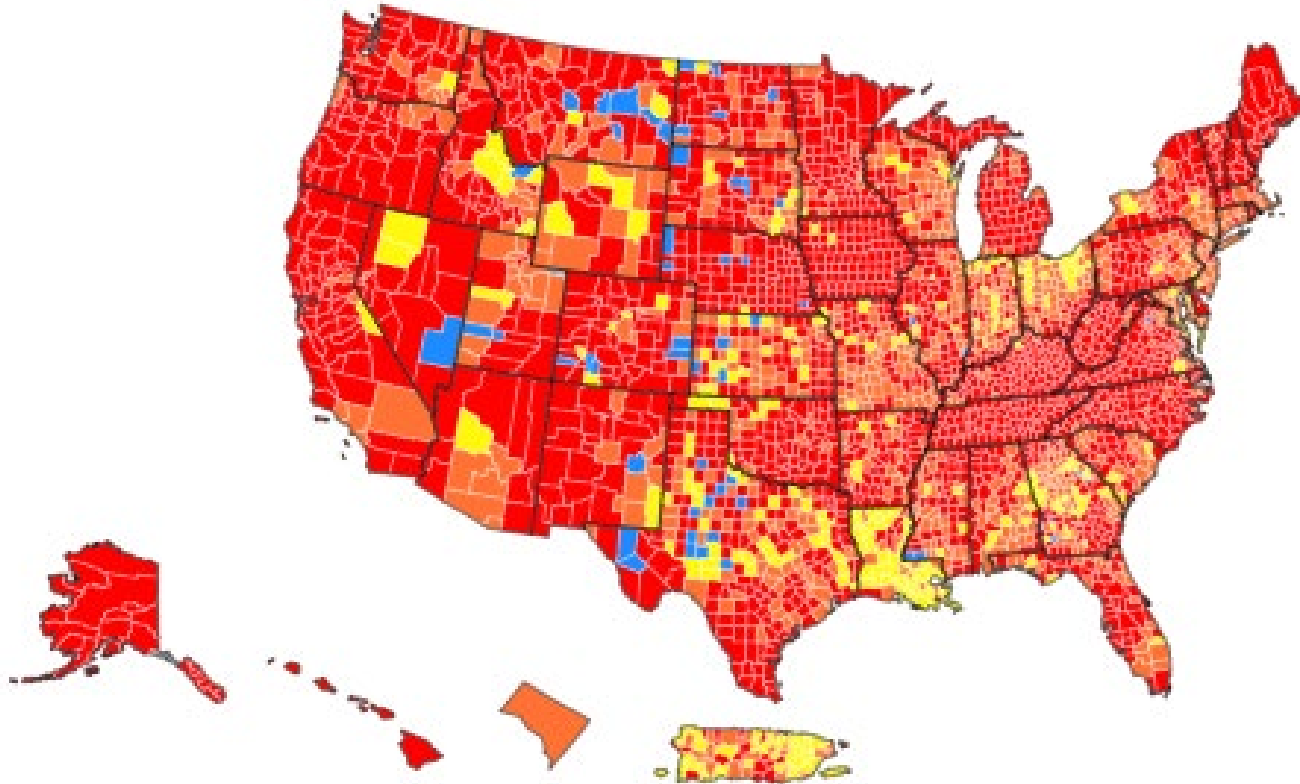
Community Levels Map

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



Community Transmission Levels

Use this map instead!



Community Transmission in US by County


	Total	Percent	% Change
 High	2045	63.47%	-21.76%
 Substantial	802	24.89%	14.4%
 Moderate	314	9.75%	7.08%
 Low	59	1.83%	0.25%

How is community transmission calculated?

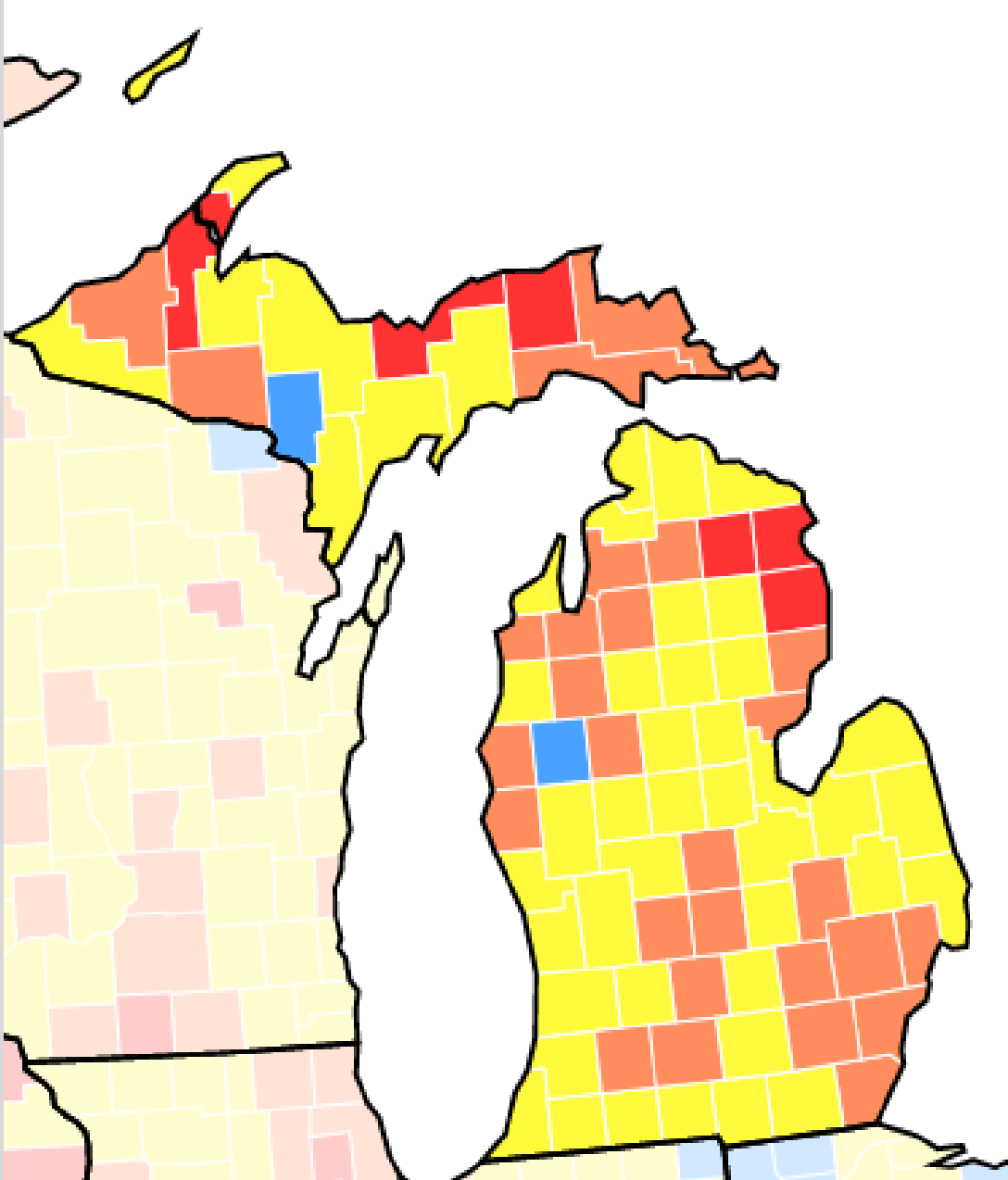
How Community Transmission is Calculated

Determining Transmission Risk

If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected



	Low	Moderate	Substantial	High
New cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days*	<10	10-49.99	50-99.99	≥100
Percentage of positive NAATs tests during the past 7 days**	<5%	5-7.99%	8-9.99%	≥10.0%



● High ● Substantial ● Moderate ● Low ● No Data

Healthcare Masking and Testing

Current 7 days 3/10/2022-3/16/2022 case rate and 3/8/2022-3/14/2022 percent positivity



Guidance Still in Place

CDC Guidance

- Stay [up to date](#) with vaccine
- [Infection/exposure](#) of healthcare personnel
- Strategies to [mitigate staffing shortages](#)
- [Infection prevention nursing homes](#)
- [Infection prevention healthcare](#)

MDHHS Orders

- [October 12, 2021, Testing Facilities](#) conducting tests in accordance with [CMS QSO 20-38-NH](#) updated March 10, 2022
- [May 21, 2021, Residential Care Facility](#) visitation in accordance with [CMS QSO 20-39-NH](#) and [CMS FAQ March 10, 2022](#).

LTC Guidance

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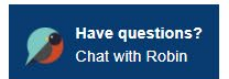
Long-Term Care COVID-19 Plan

The state's long-term care facilities have faced immense challenges since Michigan recorded its first COVID-19 cases in March 2020. To respond to those concerns and provide essential protections to both residents and staff in residential care facilities, the State of Michigan leveraged authority granted by Executive Order and the Michigan Public Health Code. By designated authority, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has acted to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19 by implementing a variety of strategies in the areas of infection control, diagnostic testing, data collection and reporting, and emergency staffing response.

MDHHS and other state partners continue to address and adapt to the changing impact of COVID-19 across the state. Expand the titles below to learn more about each component of the MDHHS Long-Term Care COVID-19 Plan.



- Visitation
- Testing Strategy
- Reporting
- Staffing
- Infection Prevention and Control
- CRC and CRF Programs



Subjected to CRF transfer criteria

Staff Masking

Communities Moderate-to-Low

While still safest to implement universal source control, when levels are at low to moderate and staff are up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses, CDC does state the following:

- Can choose to not wear source control (e.g., masks) or social distance when in well-defined areas which are restricted from patient access (e.g. staff meeting rooms, kitchen)

Patient encounters are safest with source control (e.g., staff masking)

- If resident is not suspected of SARS-CoV-2 infection, follow standard precautions

Staff Masking

Suspected or SARS-CoV-2 Positive

Standard plus transmission-based precautions will be followed utilizing personal protective equipment:

- Gown, N95 respirator, eye protection, and gloves
- Aerosol generating procedures such as CPR should have staff wearing gown, N95 respirator, eye protection and gloves for safety as well

Resident Masking

Communities Moderate-to-Low

While still safest to implement universal source control, when levels are at low to moderate and residents are up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses, the CDC states the following:

- Do not need to wear source control when in communal areas of the facility

Residents not up to date or who are at increased risk for severe disease

- Source control and physical distancing should be considered

FAQ



12. Are there any suggestions for how to conduct visits that reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission? For example, should facilities have different policies for visitors, *who are up-to-date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses and those who are not up-to-date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses*?

A: While we strongly encourage everyone to *be up-to-date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses*, the facility must permit visitation regardless of the visitor's vaccination status (if the visitor(s) *has not had a positive viral test*, does not report COVID-19 symptoms or meet the criteria for quarantine). There are ways facilities can and should take extra precautions, such as hosting the visit outdoors, if possible; creating dedicated visitation space indoors; permitting in-room visits when the resident's roommate is not present; and the resident and visitor should wear a well-fitting mask (preferably those with better protection, such as surgical masks or KN95), perform frequent hand-hygiene, and practice physical distancing. Some other recommendations include:

- Offering visitors surgical masks or KN95 masks.
- Restricting the visitor's movement in the facility to only the location of the visit.
- Not conducting visits in common areas (except those areas dedicated for visitation).
- Increasing air-flow and improving ventilation and air quality.
- Cleaning and sanitizing the visitation area after each visit.
- Providing reminders in common areas (e.g., signage) to maintain physical distancing, perform hand-hygiene, and wear well-fitting masks.

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Face coverings and physical distancing during visits

- Visitors should wear face coverings or masks *and physically distance* when around other residents or healthcare personnel, regardless of vaccination status.
- If the nursing home's county COVID-19 community level of transmission is **substantial to high**, all residents and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, should wear face coverings or masks and physically distance, at all times.
- In areas of **low to moderate** transmission, the safest practice is for residents and visitors to wear face coverings or masks and physically distance, particularly if either of them is at increased risk for severe disease or are *not up-to-date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses*.
- Residents, regardless of vaccination status, can choose *not to wear face coverings or masks when other residents are not present and* have close contact (including touch) with their visitor.
 - Residents (or their representative) and their visitors, *who are not up-to-date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses*, should be advised of the risks of physical contact prior to the visit.

QSO 20-38-NH



Routine testing of staff, *who are not up-to-date*, should be based on the extent of the virus in the community. *Staff, who are up-to date*, do not have to be routinely tested. *For HCP who work in the facility infrequently, see the CDC's [testing guidance](#).*

Facilities should use their community transmission level as the trigger for staff testing frequency. **Reports of COVID-19 level of community transmission are available on the CDC COVID-19 Integrated County View site: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>.** Please see the COVID-19 Testing section on the CMS COVID-19 Nursing Home Data webpage: <https://data.cms.gov/covid-19/covid-19-nursing-home-data> for information on how to obtain current and historic levels of community transmission on the CDC website.

Table 2: Routine Testing Intervals by County COVID-19 Level of Community Transmission

Level of COVID-19 Community Transmission	Minimum Testing Frequency of Staff <i>who are not up-to-date</i>⁺
Low (blue)	Not recommended
Moderate (yellow)	Once a week*
Substantial (orange)	Twice a week*
High (red)	Twice a week*

⁺Staff *who are up-to-date* do not need to be routinely tested.

*This frequency presumes availability of Point of Care testing on-site at the nursing home or where off-site testing turnaround time is <48 hours.

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Table 1: Testing Summary

Testing Trigger	Staff	Residents
Symptomatic individual identified	Staff, <i>regardless of vaccination status</i> , with signs or symptoms must be tested.	Residents, <i>regardless of vaccination status</i> , with signs or symptoms must be tested.
Newly identified COVID-19 positive staff or resident in a facility that can identify close contacts	Test all staff, <i>regardless of vaccination status</i> , that had a higher-risk exposure with a COVID-19 positive individual.	Test all residents, <i>regardless of vaccination status</i> , that had close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual.
Newly identified COVID-19 positive staff or resident in a facility that is unable to identify close contacts	Test all staff, <i>regardless of vaccination status</i> , facility-wide or at a group level if staff are assigned to a specific location where the new case occurred (e.g., unit, floor, or other specific area(s) of the facility).	Test all residents, <i>regardless of vaccination status</i> , facility-wide or at a group level (e.g., unit, floor, or other specific area(s) of the facility).
Routine testing	According to Table 2 below	Not generally recommended

Contact Us



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Michigan.gov/IPRAT



Infection Prevention Resource and Assessment Team



Where to find COVID-19 Guidance:

Webpages and Links for AFCs and HFAs

Katie Puskar

Bureau of EMS, Trauma and Preparedness

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

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Questions About COVID-19?

Visit our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#)

Our most commonly answered questions can be found there, and are updated often.

Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136.

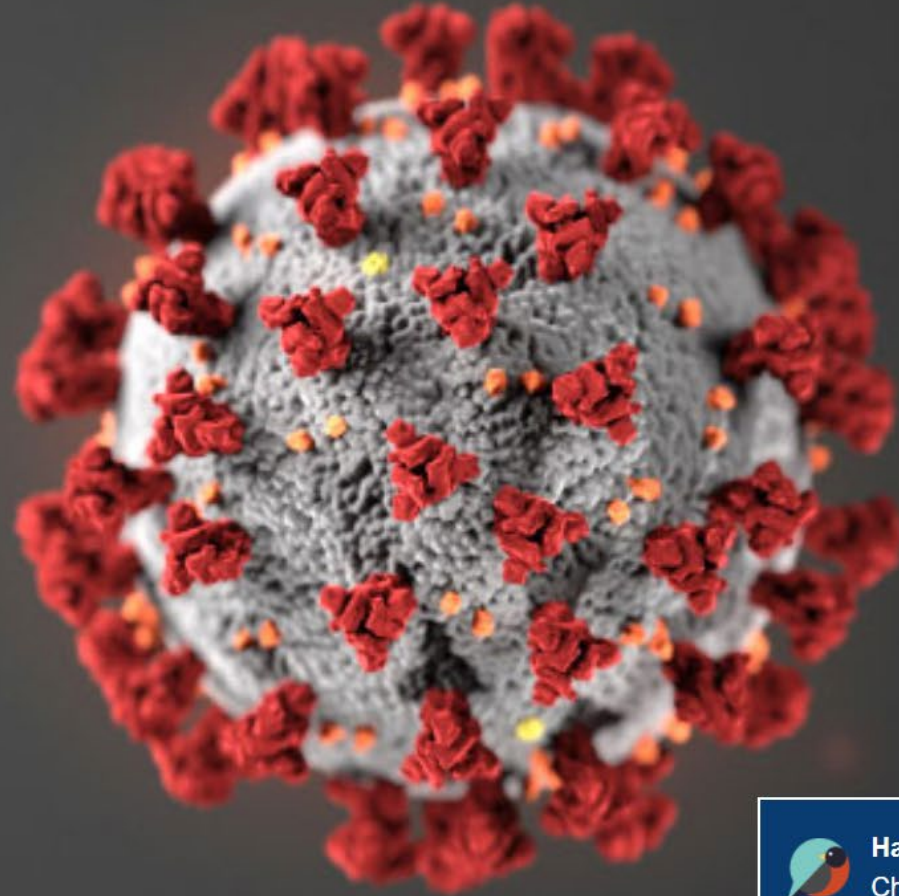
Email COVID19@michigan.gov.

MDHHS EPIDEMIC ORDERS

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
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Chat with Robin


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- LONG TERM CARE COVID-19 PLAN**
- PROTECT MICHIGAN COMMISSION
- STATE ORDERS & DIRECTIVES

FOR AFC & HFA OPERATORS

This page contains resources to help licensed adult foster care homes (AFCs) and homes for the aged (HFAs) implement state-mandated COVID-19 response activities. Resources are provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA) and by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), which licenses AFCs and HFAs.

Resources:

Emergency Planning Resources

COVID-19 Emergency Response Decision Tool

AFC/HFA COVID-19 Emergency Response Tool

Frequently Asked Questions

COVID-19 Antigen Testing Information

HFA and AFC Bed Reimbursement Information **NEW**

Previous AFC/HFA Presentations

https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_104888---,00.html

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Adaptations to the Regional Hub Model



Michigan Nursing Homes COVID-19 Preparedness Task Force



CHRT Nursing Home Evaluation



Communications Toolkit



https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_100722---,00.html

AFC and HFA Non-COVID-19 Specific Webpages



Assistance Programs

Cash Assistance

Child Care Assistance

Children's Special Health Care Services

Emergency Relief: Home, Utilities & Burial

Food Assistance

Health Care Coverage

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Adult Foster Care (AFC) & Homes for the Aged (HFA)

URGENT:

Learn about our responses to Coronavirus and find the latest program guidance. www.Michigan.gov/Coronavirus >> Resources >> For Health Professionals

MDHHS advises review of "Actions for Caregivers of Older Adults During COVID-19" and supporting Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document.

Michigan's stay at home order has been lifted, learn about each phase of the MI Safe Start Plan

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_4860_78446_78448_78459_93714---,00.html



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Help from Other Programs

Medicaid

Integrated Health Homes

Migrant Services

Housing and Homeless Services

Low-income Households Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

MDHHS / ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS / MEDICAID

Adult Foster Care & Homes for the Aged Emergency Planning

Emergency preparedness planning resources designed specifically for the unique needs of Michigan's Adult Foster Cares and Homes for the Aged.

COVID-19 Resources

Incident Command System (ICS) Training and Education Resources

Contact Resources for AFCs & HFAs

PPE Resources

Additional Links

COVID Information for AFC & HFA Operators : https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_104888---,00.html

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs AFC & HFA website : [Michigan.gov/AFCHFA](https://www.michigan.gov/AFCHFA)

MDHHS Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability website : https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941---,00.html

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_4860_78446_78448_78459_93714_107710---,00.html

Additional Contacts

Regional Healthcare Coalition Contact Information

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71548_54783_54826_56171-237197--,00.html#hcc

Local Health Department Contact Information

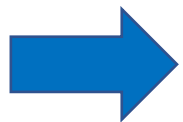
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Reminder

A recording of today's presentation will be sent to the groups below, and they will email it to their members.

- Community Mental Health Association of Michigan
- Michigan Assisted Living Association
- Michigan Center for Assisted Living
- Leading Age of Michigan



You can also access the slides from today's presentation at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus. Click the RESOURCES tab and select "For AFC and HFA Operators." Scroll to bottom of page.

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This is our final AFC/HFA presentation.

We hope we have helped you and your staff navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for your active participation, questions, and feedback! You have added to our understanding and made us better partners in public health.