

Welcome and Introductions



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Holiday Visitation and Visiting Families



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MDHHS issues Thanksgiving guidance for vulnerable populations

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LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) today issued [Thanksgiving celebration guidance for vulnerable populations](#) to help ensure their health and safety and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

“While we are advising everyone to avoid Thanksgiving gatherings beyond their own households, it’s especially critical that residents of nursing homes and other group homes remain in their homes during the holiday,” said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. “If these individuals contract COVID while traveling, they run the risk of bringing it back to others who are especially vulnerable to illness and death. This year, please celebrate Thanksgiving by Zoom or by phone, and next year’s Thanksgiving will be better.”

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On [Nov. 18, MDHHS issued an epidemic order](#) that limited indoor gatherings to no more than two households. This order does not prohibit residents of the facilities above from leaving a care facility; however, it is recommended that:

- Residents be strongly encouraged to stay in place, especially in light of increasing prevalence of COVID-19 cases.
- Providers and direct care staff educate residents and their family and friends on the associated risk of leaving a care facility and attending gatherings with family and friends as well as the steps they should take to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19.
- Providers encourage residents to stay connected with loved ones through alternative means of communication, such as phone and video calls.

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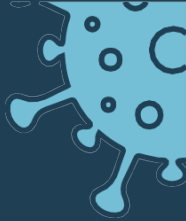
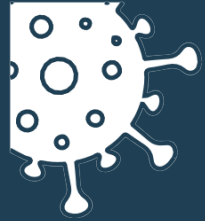
Care facilities should follow recommended protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 if a resident chooses to leave the care facility even after being provided such counseling:

- Limit close contact (maintain physical distancing of six feet or more), adhere to the gathering restrictions in the [Nov. 18 order](#), and use technology to engage with others remotely.
- Wear a facemask or cloth face **covering at all times** (including in cars and homes) unless actively eating or drinking, or medical exemptions apply.
- Limit contact with commonly touched surfaces or shared items.
- Keep safe around food and drinks. Avoid communal serving utensils, passing of food and potluck or buffet style food service, and instead opt for individually prepared plates by a single server.
- Wash hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer often.
- Avoid large gatherings, crowded areas and high-risk activities such as singing.

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- For those attending a gathering, avoid contact with individuals outside of their household for 14 days prior to the gathering if possible and follow MDHHS's guidance for safe social gatherings.
- Ask anyone who has signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or has been exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID-19, to not attend the gathering.
- If possible, conduct gatherings outdoors. Indoor gatherings should have good ventilation, consider opening windows and doors if possible.
- Verbally greet others instead of shaking hands or giving hugs. Think ahead about how you will manage to prevent physical interactions with loved ones of different ages such as young children.
- All residents who leave the care facility should be screened upon return and if symptomatic, a resident's health care provider or the local health department should be contacted to determine if quarantine is warranted.
- Strictly adhere to all testing, visitation and re-entry after visitation requirements for care facilities. Wednesday, Oct. 21 Epidemic Order or Thursday, Oct. 29 Epidemic Order



COVID-19

Social Gathering Guidance Pause to Save Lives

Socializing with family or friends may feel safe, but it is risky – especially with COVID everywhere in Michigan today. It's best to only get together outside. If you must gather indoors, you may only see one other household at a time.

To reduce risk, follow these guidelines:

Pick only one other household to see over the next three weeks. Even better, form a consistent **social pod**.

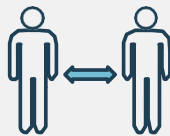
Choose a household that is also being careful. If anyone in either group feels sick, postpone the gathering.

Limit duration indoors. The longer the visit, the greater the risk.

Follow these rules as much as possible:



Wear a mask – only take it off when you eat or drink, then put it back on.



Stay six feet apart.



Keep voices down and avoid shouting or cheering.



Do not share utensils.

After a gathering, monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19. If anyone in the group feels sick, get tested.

For more information about social gatherings, visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus.
Questions or concerns can be emailed to COVID19@michigan.gov.

AFC- HFA FAQ

https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-533660--,00.html

With the Michigan Supreme Court decision, what requirements are still in effect?

Several orders have been issued by MDHHS Director Gordon that require mask wearing, ban inside visits, limit communal dining, etc. To see a full list of MDHHS Director Gordon's orders click [here](#). In addition, licensing requires that a home keep residents safe and have policies, procedures, and protocols and implement said policies, procedures, and protocols to prevent disease transmission of any kind, including COVID-19. These policies, procedures, and protocols should be based on CDC guidance and/or another national standard.

Testing



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Testing Information

Questions of interest:

- Testing for small and medium AFCs
 - No further action right now to mandate testing
 - Continue to work with your Local Health Departments
- Testing refusal
 - Residents have a right to refuse testing
 - Staff have a right to refuse testing

Testing Information.

Questions of interest:

- Holiday testing requirements
 - Residents can go on holiday outings with family
 - Residents must be allowed to return after a holiday outing
- CLIA Waiver payment
 - Working on the payment mechanism
 - Please do not pay the voucher or “coupon” when you receive it

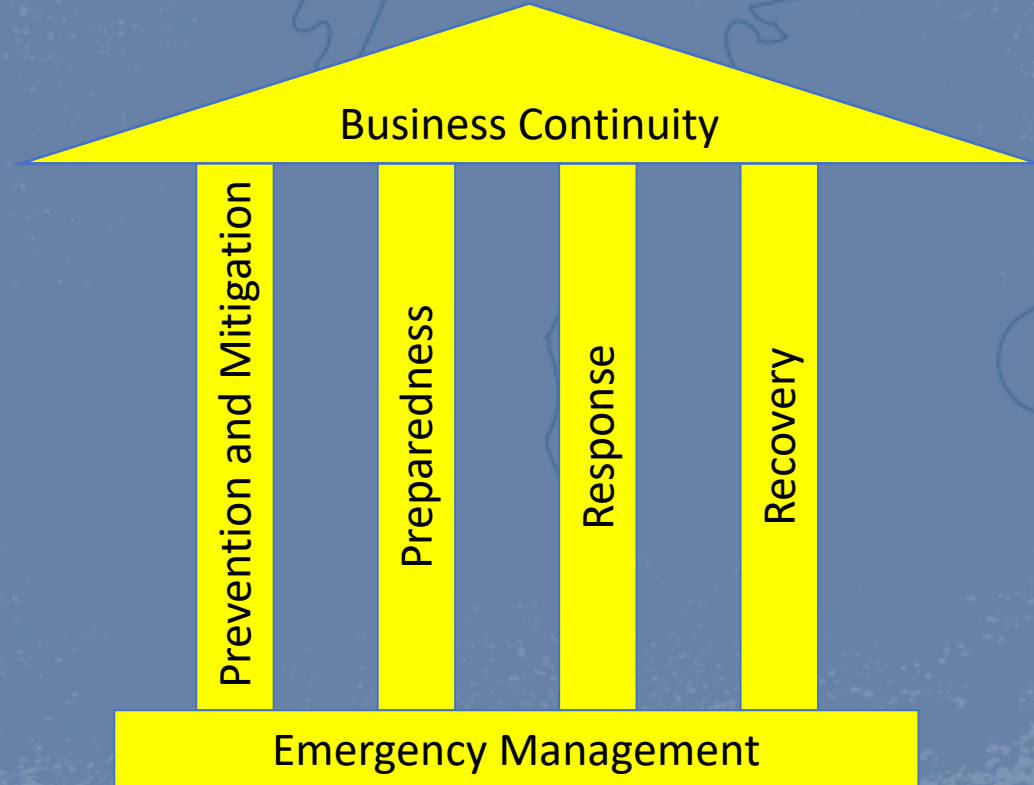
Emergency Planning and Healthcare Coalitions



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Four Pillars of Emergency Plans



What needs to be considered in Emergency Management Plans

Consider your location, staff,
facilities, day-to-day operations,
business survival

- Prevent or mitigate the impact
- Prepare for what is likely to happen
- Know how to respond
- Recovery starts at the beginning



A white outline map of the state of Michigan is centered on a dark blue background. The map shows the Upper and Lower Peninsulas and the surrounding Great Lakes.

CMS Conditions of Participation

These four areas support the emergency plans



Hazards Evolution and Expansion



Terrorism



Katrina



Zika



Anthrax



Cyber



Local Floods

2002

2020



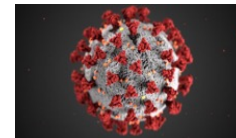
Power Outage



H1N1



Opioids



Pandemic



Meningitis



Political Unrest



Michigan Healthcare Coalitions (HCCs)

HCC Staff:

Regional Staff

- Regional Coordinator (Full Time)
- Assistant Regional Coordinator (Full Time)
- Medical Director

Other Regional Support

- Regional Epidemiologist
- Regional Trauma Coordinator

HCC Members Include:

- Hospitals
- Emergency Medical Services
- Emergency Management Organizations
- Public Health Agencies
- Specialty patient referral centers
- Behavioral Health Services and Organizations
- Dialysis Centers
- Home Health
- Primary Care Providers
- Skilled nursing and long-term care facilities
- Others.....

Importance of Healthcare Coalitions:

- Coalitions work with local regional and State partners to prepare hospitals, emergency medical services (EMS), and supporting healthcare organizations to deliver coordinated and effective care to victims of terrorism and other public health/healthcare emergencies.
- Regional Medical Coordination Centers Assist in response as a multiagency coordinating group (MAC)

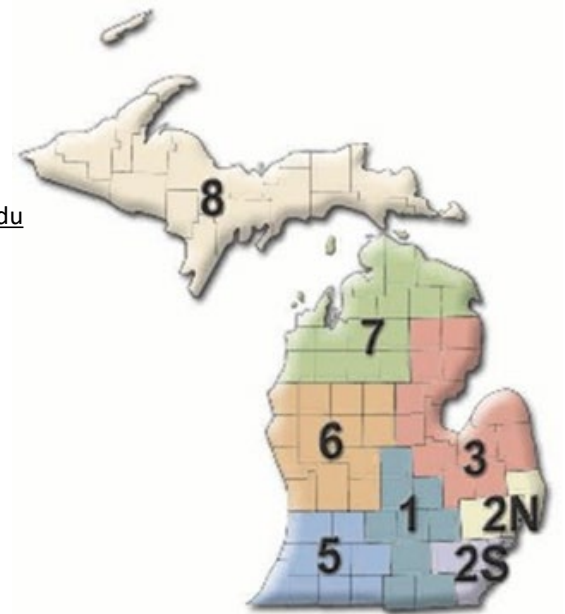
Coalitions Response to COVID Examples:

- Distributes Strategic National Stockpile Ventilators
- Distributes Personal Protection Equipment
- Supports Mass Fatality Response for Hospitals
- Supports Alternate Care Site Planning
- Situational Awareness to Partners
- EMResource Daily/Weekly Support
- Staffing Issues Communications
- Testing Support
- Vaccine Communications
- Etc.



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Additional Resources

Emergency Planning

The following links may be helpful to AFCs/HFAs in creating an emergency plan to address the COVID-19 pandemic and other infectious disease emergencies:

- [MIOSHA COVID-19 Workplace Safety Guidance](#)
- [MIOSHA Emergency Rules](#)
- [MIOSHA Emergency Rules FAQ](#)
- [MIOSHA COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan Template](#)
- [MDHHS Long-Term Care COVID-19 Plan](#)



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