



MOTHER INFANT HEALTH & EQUITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN



Please visit our website at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus for up to date information. We will continue to share information and frequent communications to our maternal infant health network.

More information regarding COVID-19 and Maternal & Infant Health can be found at Michigan.gov/MIHEIP

The Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities

Governor Whitmer announced an [Executive Order](#) outlining the Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities and its priorities in addressing the way COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted communities of color throughout our state.

Michigan is Prioritizing Mental Health

Governor Whitmer and Headspace Launch '[Stay Home. Stay Mindful](#)' website to offer Free Mental Health Resources.

MDHHS recently launched the [warmline](#) that connects Michiganders living with persistent mental health conditions to certified peer support specialists. The warmline operates 10 a.m. to 2 a.m., seven days a week at 888-PEER-753 (888-733-7753).

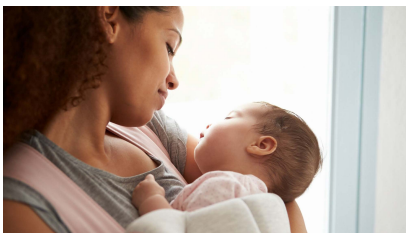
The department has also published [several guides](#) in support of the emotional health of older adults, children, health care providers, first responders and others who may have unique needs when processing the impacts of this pandemic.

Parents, Families and Caregivers

WIC Breastfeeding Support

Local WIC agencies may be contacted to connect families with a breastfeeding peer counselor. If a peer counselor is not available, families may call 833-MIWICBF (833-649-4223) to receive one-on-one breastfeeding support from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week.

[Learn more about Pregnancy & Breastfeeding recent COVID-19 updates](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



WIC Program Updates

The Michigan Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program is operational statewide, offering a full array of services to new and current clients. Over the past few weeks, Michigan WIC has implemented significant programmatic and operational changes:

- Granted waivers by the USDA to temporarily suspend physical presence requirements & issue EBT benefits remotely
- Implemented processes to extend eligibility periods by 30 days, and extend benefit issuance for an additional 3 months when possible
- WIC has [expanded the list of authorized foods](#) to accommodate product shortages at stores.

The current situation is unprecedented, and things change rapidly, but for the sake of providing external partners and clients with the most accurate and up-to-date information, WIC has published online guidance on the [MDHHS WIC homepage](#).

Please direct any WIC-specific questions to 1-800-942-1636, option 1, then option 2 to speak with a State WIC consultant.

Home Safety

[Home Safe with Young Children Checklist from CPSC](#)

[Home Safety Checklist from Safe Kids](#)

[How to Prepare for a New Baby During a Pandemic from Charlie's Kids](#)

[Tips for Coping with a New Baby During COVID-19](#)



Information for Providers

[Letter from Dr. Khaldun on COVID-19 Impacts on Racial and Ethnic Minorities](#)

The purpose of this letter is to make sure you are aware of our current understanding of how this disease is impacting racial and ethnic minorities, and alert you to ways you can address this in your current practice. For more resources for Health Professionals visit [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](#)

[WEBINAR: Supporting your Perinatal Units During COVID-19: Mental Health Considerations for Patients and Healthcare Workers](#)

available from the CMQCC COVID-19 webinar series. Speakers will discuss ways to support the mental health of patients, families, and healthcare workers in perinatal units during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 • 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM EST

[CMQCC Recorded Webinars & Sample Hospital Resources Available for Healthcare Professionals](#)

[Trainings and Webinars for Healthcare Professionals](#) are available from the CDC. Offering the most up to date information and guidance about COVID-19 for clinicians, including:

- [What Clinicians Need to Know](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations](#)
- [Caring for Children and Pregnant Women](#)

[Brain & Life](#) provides guidance on neurology & COVID-19 from the American Academy of Neurology.

Thank you for the work that you do each and every day to protect and promote the health of our Michigan moms, babies and families.



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