

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

FIGHTING COVID-19 AND INVESTING IN HEALTHCARE



Governor Whitmer is prioritizing the health and well-being of every Michigander by ensuring access to equitable, affordable health care. Through the COVID-19 pandemic, her decisive, data-driven early action and focus on vulnerable communities saved thousands of lives. The Governor's steady leadership helped millions of Michiganders get vaccinated and helped Michigan's economy recover quickly. Beyond her leadership through the pandemic, Governor Whitmer has expanded access to telemedicine, signed bipartisan legislation to protect people against surprise medical billing, and created a task force to tackle the high cost of prescription drugs. Governor Whitmer has led the way on healthcare by prioritizing access to care, driving down costs, and pursuing equity.

ACCESS & AFFORDABILITY

- Extended Healthy Michigan to nearly 900,000 people and suspended the Medicaid work requirement that created barriers to coverage.
- Expanded access to telemedicine and signed bipartisan legislation requiring all insurers to cover telehealth.
- Signed bipartisan legislation to protect Michiganders against surprise medical billing.
- Established Prescription Drugs Task Force and received their recommendations to drive down costs, promote transparency, and improve health outcomes.
- Free COVID-19 vaccines for all. Free testing and treatment for low-income Michiganders.

COVID-19

- Saved lives statewide by taking decisive early action, with the pause over the 2020 holiday season, and in nursing homes.
- Gave a \$2/hour raise to direct care workers.
- Supported testing for vulnerable communities and high-risk populations including nursing homes, prisons, agricultural workers, adult foster care, and others.
- Established the Racial Disparities Task Force and made "lasting structural change."
- Administered over 9 million safe, effective vaccine doses and counting, driving down cases, deaths, and hospitalizations to help Michigan get "Vacc to Normal" ahead of schedule.
- Created the MI Shot To Win Sweepstakes to incentivize more Michiganders to get vaccinated by giving them a chance to win over \$5 million in cash prizes or college scholarships.



"Every Michigander deserves access to quality, affordable healthcare and no one should have to choose between buying prescription drugs or paying for groceries. The health of our people is inextricably linked to every challenge we face and opportunity we have. It is essential for us to take actions to make care easier to access, lower out of pocket costs, and pursue equity."

- Governor Gretchen Whitmer

HEALTH EQUITY

- Declared racism a public health crisis.
- Required all medical professionals to undergo unconscious bias training to target healthcare disparities.
- Invested in Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies, focusing on addressing disproportionate racial impacts of maternal and infant mortality and ensure moms have the support they need for healthy pregnancies, deliveries, and postpartum care.