



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER



NEWAYGO COUNTY SUMMARY REPORT Thursday 03/12/2020

To all Newaygo County Emergency Services Personnel and EOC Agencies

Key Updates:

- **The State of Michigan has released interim recommendations for COVID-19 Community Mitigation. Please work to follow all of this guidance in order to help protect our community.**
- All local hospitals and many long term care facilities are now implementing visitor restrictions.
- On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a Pandemic. A pandemic is a disease that is spreading in multiple countries around the world at the same time.
- Spectrum Health has established virtual screening. To schedule, call their hotline at 616-391-2380.
- On Tuesday, March 10, 2020, the State of Michigan confirmed 2 cases of COVID-19. One in Oakland County and one in Wayne County.
- All public universities in the State are closed. Many are transferring to online classes.
- Although there is no formal directive to cancel mass gatherings and community events yet, many public events are being pro-active and have been cancelled.
- Newaygo County has prepared local talking points for this event. (See attached)

District Health Department 10 is responsible for:

1. Monitoring any travelers in our jurisdiction that fall into a risk category.
2. Quarantine and isolation locations in the community.
3. Ordering suspension of public gatherings (like you have seen in other countries).
4. Media and public information

Background Information:

CDC is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally, including in the United States. The virus has been named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19").

On January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern" (PHEIC). On



January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency (PHE) for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19.

Symptoms

Reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death for confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases. The following symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure**.*

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

How it Spreads

The virus that causes COVID-19 seems to be spreading easily and sustainably in the community ("community spread") in some affected geographic areas. Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected.

Illness Severity

This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available from ongoing investigations. The complete clinical picture is not fully known. Reported illnesses have ranged from very mild to severe, including illness resulting in death. Older people and people of all ages with severe underlying health conditions — like heart disease, lung disease and diabetes, for example — seem to be at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness

Current Risk Assessment

- For the majority of people, the immediate risk of being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low. There is not widespread circulation in most communities in the United States.
- People in places where ongoing community spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 has been reported are at elevated risk of exposure, with increase in risk dependent on the location.
- Healthcare workers caring for patients with COVID-19 are at elevated risk of exposure.
- Close contacts of persons with COVID-19 also are at elevated risk of exposure.
- Travelers returning from affected [international locations](#) where community spread is occurring also are at elevated risk of exposure, with increase in risk dependent on location.

Mortality Rate Estimate by the World Health Organization (WHO) as of March 3 - 3.4 %

- The mortality rate of seasonal flu is less than 1% (approximately 1 out of every 1,000)
- The current estimated mortality rate of Coronavirus is 3.4% (Between 3- 5 out of every 100)



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Current Situation Summary in the United States:

As of March 9, 2020 the CDC is reporting

Total Cases in the US: 423
Travel – 72
Person to Person – 29
Under Investigation – 322
Total Deaths in the US: 19
Jurisdictions reporting cases: 35 States
(includes District of Columbia)

As of March 10, 2020 the CDC is Reporting

Total Cases in the US: 647
Travel – 83
Person to Person – 36
Under Investigation – 528
Total Deaths in the US: 25
Jurisdictions reporting cases: 36 States
(includes District of Columbia)

As of March 11, 2020 the CDC is reporting

Total Cases in the US: 938
Travel – 92
Person to Person – 75
Under Investigation – 771
Total Deaths in the US: 19
Jurisdictions reporting cases: 39 States
(includes District of Columbia)

As of March 12, 2020 the CDC is Reporting

Total Cases in the US: 1,215
Travel – 125
Person to Person – 102
Under Investigation – 988
Total Deaths in the US: 36
Jurisdictions reporting cases: 43 States
(includes District of Columbia)

As of March 10, 2020 the State of Michigan reported 2 confirmed reported cases to the CDC. Governor Whitmer declared a State of Emergency on March 11, 2020.

Michigan Data

Date	3/9/2020	03/10/2020	03/11/2020
Meets PUI Criteria: Testing Approved	63	77	120
Negative for 2019-nCoV	39	57	91
Positive for 2019-nCoV	0	2	2
Test Results Pending	24	18	28
Referred for Assessment and/or Monitoring to Date**	471	493	520
Total Assessment and/or Monitoring Referrals Under Active Monitoring	124	87	150

Test results will be updated daily; typically by 6 p.m. Testing data included in the chart reflects COVID-19 tests conducted by the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories. Additional testing underway by private lab companies is not reflected.

*PUI - Persons Under Investigation

**This includes referrals from CDC airport quarantine stations, self-referrals, close contacts of pending PUIs and healthcare provider referrals entered by local health departments.

Current Operational Focus:

- 1) Actively comply with advice and directives from the CDC, MDHHS, and District Health Dept. 10
- 2) Ensure the community is aware of precautionary measures to be taken to avoid illness
- 3) Prepare for possible, additional measures that may need to be taken to ensure governmental services continue while keeping the safety of residents at the forefront.
- 4) Distribute out Personal Protective Equipment cache to public safety



- 5) Actively communicate and distribute information to high risk groups (COA, Churches, Jail, and Courthouse)

Additional Considerations:

- **Actively encourage sick employees to stay home**
- **Emphasize respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene by all employees**
- **Perform routine environmental cleaning**
- Plan for the potential of a Public Health Order cancelling mass gatherings
- A person with High and Medium Risk may be placed in Quarantine for a 14 day period

Health and Safety Briefing:

1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
3. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
4. If providing direct patient care to someone who is symptomatic follow standard precautions, contact precautions, and airborne precautions in accordance with medical protocol.
5. In times of increased demand and decreased supply, consideration can be made to use the N95s which are past their manufacturer designated shelf life and no longer considered NIOSH approved, past their manufacturer designated shelf life when responding to symptomatic patients. (See additional CDC guidance)

ACTIVE EOC FUNCTIONS

DIRECTION & CONTROL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain coordination between local, state, and regional agencies/officials throughout the incident • Acquire hazard information (guidance references, technical experts, etc.) to guide emergency officials and response organization on effective hazard management/response techniques. • Actively monitor MIHAN system and develop objectives as necessary
WARNING & PUBLIC INFORMATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure PSAP guidance is being utilized for modified caller inquiries and focused screening • Support Public Health through coordination of community information programs to support direct delivery of public information to affected populace (Schools, Healthcare, Colleges and Universities, County Government, etc).
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with Regional Healthcare Coalition to support health and medical surge operations. • Promote virtual screens to minimize direct patient contact as appropriate
PUBLIC HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct health/medical surveillance, investigation, case determination, and management of disease. • Utilize/implement legal authority of the Health Officer and Public Health Code to maintain human and environmental health (Isolation, Quarantine, and cancellation of Mass Gatherings Orders).



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RADIO CHANNELS

MPSCS EMMD6	Regional Emergency Management	
MPSCS 62EMER	Coordination with EOC	
MSPCS STATEWIDE 6	Coordination with state agencies	

CRITICAL CONTACTS

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Central Dispatch	Phil Smalligan	231-225-8129
SHGM Hospital EPC	Amanda Lemkuil	989-390-2556
Life EMS North Operations	Jeff Stockhill	616-318-3633

Current and Planned Actions / Notable Events:	
Time:	Actions:
March 10	
5:50 PM	NCES disseminate initial EOC Briefing on COVID-19
7:00 PM	NCES Director Watkins presented information on COVID-19 to the Fire Chiefs
10:30 PM	First two cases of Cononavirus confirmed in Michigan
March 11	
8:00 am	Governor Whitmer declared a State of Emergency
9:30 AM	NCES Director Watkins presented information to the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners
1:30 PM	County Officials met to develop a plan and communications for employees and the public
March 12	
11:00 AM	NCES Director Watkins met with the DHD10 and Newaygo and Oceana County Court Directors
12:30 PM	MDHHS releases Interim Guidance for COVID-19 Mitigation
1:00 PM	NCES Communicates state recommendations to local churches