

As of March 16, 2020 at 12:00 PM:

- No cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) have been confirmed in Cass or Van Buren County at this time.
- There are 53 positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) launched a statewide hotline to respond to health-related questions about COVID-19.

The hotline (1-888-535-6136) will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public health and other experts will answer health-related questions.

Latest State Updates, beginning with the most recent:

1. **March 16, 2020:** This morning Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-9 (attached). Beginning as soon as possible but no later than March 16, 2020 at 3:00 pm, and continuing until March 30, 2020 at 11:59 pm, the following places of public accommodation are closed to ingress, egress, use, and occupancy by members of the public:
 - (a) Restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, and other places of public accommodation offering food or beverage for on-premises consumption;
 - (b) Bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, special licensees, clubs, and other places of public accommodation offering alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption;
 - (c) Hookah bars, cigar bars, and vaping lounges offering their products for on premises consumption;
 - (d) Theaters, cinemas, and indoor and outdoor performance venues;
 - (e) Libraries and museums;
 - (f) Gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios, and spas;
 - (g) Casinos licensed by the Michigan Gaming Control Board, racetracks licensed by the Michigan Gaming Control Board, and Millionaire Parties licensed by the Michigan Gaming Control Board; and
 - (h) Places of public amusement not otherwise listed above.

Places of public accommodation subject to this section are encouraged to offer food and beverage using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service, and to use precautions in doing so to mitigate the potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing

2. **March 14, 2020:** Saturday, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed [Executive Order 2020-7](#). Effective immediately and continuing through April 5, 2020 at 5:00 pm, all health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities must prohibit from entering their facilities any visitors that: are not necessary for the provision of medical care, the support of activities of daily living, or the exercise of power of attorney or court-appointed guardianship for an individual under the facility's

care; are not a parent, foster parent, or guardian of an individual who is 21 years of age or under and who is under the facility's care; are not visiting an individual under the facility's care that is in serious or critical condition or in hospice care; and are not visiting under exigent circumstances or for the purpose of performing official governmental functions.

Beginning as soon as possible but no later than March 16, 2020 at 9:00 am, and continuing through April 5, 2020 at 5:00 pm, all health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities must perform a health evaluation of all individuals that are not under the care of the facility each time the individual seeks to enter the facility, and must deny entry to those individuals who do not meet the evaluation criteria. The evaluation criteria must include: symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat; and contact in the last 14 days with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.

3. **March 15, 2020: Sunday, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed [Executive Order 2020-8](#). Beginning March 16, 2020 at 9:00 am and continuing until April 13, 2020 at 11:59 pm, if a person has acquired any product from a retailer, the person must not resell that product in this state at a price that is grossly in excess of the purchase price at which the person acquired the product.**

Beginning March 16, 2020 at 9:00 am and continuing until April 13, 2020 at 11:59 pm, a person must not offer for sale or sell any product in this state at a price that is more than 20% higher than what the person offered or charged for that product as of March 9, 2020, unless the person demonstrates that the price increase is attributable to an increase in the cost of bringing the product to market. *A willful violation of this order is a misdemeanor.

VBCDHD Response Actions:

The Van Buren/Cass District Health Department continues to respond to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 outbreak. We are continually partnering with state and federal agencies for communication and guidance on COVID-19 to the public and healthcare professionals;

coordinating and communicating with local community organizations impacted by the announcements and executive orders over the past week, including consideration for how they will impact our community-at-large; and preparing ourselves and our health systems locally should we need to respond to suspected COVID-19 cases and positive test result(s).

VBCDHD will keep our website (www.vbcassdhd.org) as up-to-date as possible with the latest information, including access to Michigan.gov/coronavirus data.

Important Contact Numbers and Webpages:

If an individual suspects they have COVID-19 symptoms, they should stay home and take one of the following steps:

1. Call their primary care provider (PCP) via telephone
2. Do a virtual visit with their health system/provider
3. Call one of the three Care Advisor phone numbers below provided by our local health systems. **these numbers are helpful for individuals who do not have a PCP.*

**If your symptoms are life-threatening call 9-1-1*

MDHHS COVID-19 Hotline (8am-5pm)

(888) 535-6136

www.michigan.gov/coronavirus

Bronson

(269) 341-7788

www.bronsonhealth.com/coronavirus-covid-19

Ascension Borgess

(833) 978-0649

www.healthcare.ascension.org

Spectrum Health Lakeland

(616) 391-2380

<https://www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org/covid19>

*a Chatbot is available online

As the situation continues to change rapidly, we recommend referring to these sites for the most current information:

Van Buren/Cass District Health Department: www.vbcassdhd.org

Michigan: www.michigan.gov/coronavirus

National: www.cdc.gov/COVID19