



## CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER



*COVID-19 Unified Response*

### **Joint Information Center** Wednesday, July 15

As of Noon on Wednesday, July 15, Calhoun County has a cumulative total of 556 confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported to Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD), with a total of 38 deaths attributed to the virus. This information is updated once daily, Monday through Friday, at [www.calhouncountymi.gov](http://www.calhouncountymi.gov).

#### **#MaskUp, Calhoun County**

In most situations, everyone in Michigan is required to wear a mask in public spaces, or in crowded outdoor spaces, according to Gov. Whitmer's executive order 2020-147.

As the local COVID-19 pandemic response continues, Calhoun County's Unified Law Enforcement will continue to communicate and educate our community—individuals and businesses—about what is required by the order, and how best to stay safe and stop the spread of the virus.

While police can enforce the executive order as law, they prefer to work with the community, through conversation and education, to encourage that everyone comply with the orders. The same will hold true for the requirement to wear masks in public spaces, and for businesses to require masks for entry and service.



You may see signs like this one, provided by the state to help businesses educate visitors on this requirement. Local leaders encourage your understanding and compliance by wearing a mask as you support and respect our local businesses. You can see more signage and resources here:



[https://www.michigan.gov/leo/0,5863,7-336-100207---,00.html#comp\\_116644](https://www.michigan.gov/leo/0,5863,7-336-100207---,00.html#comp_116644).

If you have a mask-related complaint about a business, please contact a representative of that business.

If you have a mask-related complaint in another public space, please contact your local law enforcement agency at their non-emergency phone number:

- Calhoun County Sheriff: 269-781-0880
- Albion Public Safety: 517-629-3933
- Battle Creek Police Department: 269-966-3322
- Emmett Township Public Safety: 269-968-9303
- Marshall Police Department: 269-781-2596
- Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Police: 269-729-5222

Check out this local video about why leaders across Calhoun County wear masks: <https://youtu.be/2ozkIDWSzcs>.

You can find more state information at [Michigan.gov/coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus), and at the specific links below regarding Executive Order 2020-147:

- Press release: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98158-533941--,00.html>
- EO: [https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIEOG/2020/07/10/file\\_attachments/1492866/EO%202020-147%20Emerg%20order%20-%20Masks.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIEOG/2020/07/10/file_attachments/1492866/EO%202020-147%20Emerg%20order%20-%20Masks.pdf)

### **Vulnerable Population Support**

The Calhoun County Faith Based Coalition continues its service to deliver care packages to those in need, in collaboration with RISE, CareWell Services, and the United Community Minister's Alliance.

CareWell distributed 189 25-pound boxes on Tuesday, and delivered to senior housing. Today, CareWell staff and the Faith Based Coalition delivered another 300 pounds of food items to homebound seniors across Calhoun County.

There are times available on the delivery schedule for weekly food boxes with produce or dairy products. Contact CareWell for more information at 269-441-0930.

Here are some upcoming distribution and delivery dates from the various organizations:

- Friday, July 17, 2 p.m. – Dairy boxes plus hygiene items, delivery and pickup at Washington Heights United Methodist Church, 153 N. Wood St., Battle Creek
- Saturdays, July 18 to Sept. 5, 3-5 p.m. – Saint Mark CME Church, 59 Illinois St., Battle Creek
- Tuesdays, July 28 and Aug. 11, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Saint Mark CME Church
- Tuesdays, noon-2 p.m. – Free drive-thru food pantry for anyone in need – Marshall Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1115 Verona Road; 517-395-6497



#### **Marshall Recycle Center Update**

Due to high volumes of materials being brought to the Marshall Recycle Center since reopening, the Center is ending the line of cars at 3 p.m. to provide additional time for processing and sorting. Follow the [Calhoun County Recycling Facebook Page](#) for updates about hours, as well as information about when the Center will return to normal hours.

Also from Calhoun County Recycling, don't forget there is an Appliances and Electronics Collection taking place in Battle Creek on Saturday, July 25 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. This event is open to all Calhoun County residents, and it includes freon removal as necessary. Please [read the press release](#) or visit [calhouncountyrecycling.com](http://calhouncountyrecycling.com) for event information, including a map with driving instructions.

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For updates from Calhoun County, about County operations and COVID-19 in Calhoun County, visit the County website, [calhouncountymi.gov](http://calhouncountymi.gov).

For updates from the City of Battle Creek, please visit [battlecreekmi.gov/coronavirus](http://battlecreekmi.gov/coronavirus).

The State's COVID-19 Hotline is available for anyone who has questions or concerns related to the virus. The hotline is open seven days a week from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 1-888-535-6136. For state COVID-19 information, visit [michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://michigan.gov/coronavirus).

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