



# CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER



COVID-19 Unified Response

## Joint Information Center Wednesday, July 22

As of 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, Calhoun County has a cumulative total of 593 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).

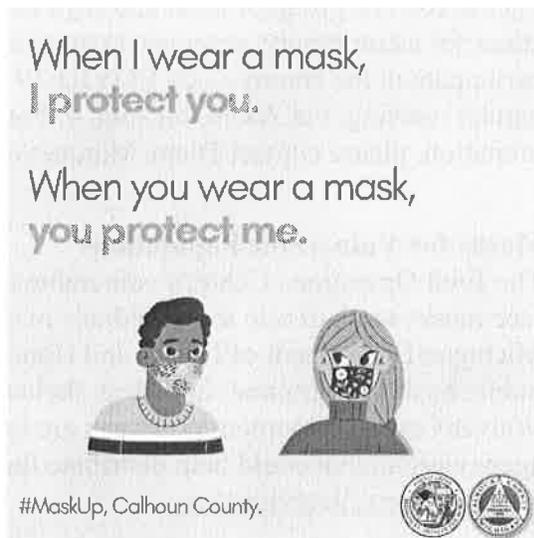
Calhoun County continues to see community spread of the COVID-19 virus. Health Officer Eric Pessell reminds Calhoun County residents that this virus is unpredictable and our understanding of it continues to evolve.

Despite rhetoric early on in the pandemic that suggested young people weren't impacted by the virus, Pessell wants the public to understand that young people *can* transmit the virus.

Pessell and Public Health Department staff also are working closely with schools on reopening plans, to ensure that schools can make informed decisions. Ultimately, young people should take the same precautions as adults and follow CDC recommendations.

The CDC provides a lot of resources about how we can all protect ourselves:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Social distance at least six feet with people who don't live with you
- Wear a face mask when you enter indoor public spaces, or in crowded outdoor spaces
- Cover coughs and sneezes



- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, like door knobs, light switches, and work areas
- Monitor your health daily for changes, and contact your health care provider if you have concerns

[Read more about these tips and learn how COVID-19 spreads](#)

### *Updates from the Calhoun County Joint Operations Center*

#### **Battle Creek Response Consortium Meeting**

The BCRC is a group of local and regional agencies that collaborate when the need arises for a community response to an emergency. While representatives continue to participate in the county-wide COVID-19 response, the group will hold its next regular meeting, via Zoom, on Aug. 4. For more information, or to request an invitation, please contact Diane Marquess at [dianem@fcsource.org](mailto:dianem@fcsource.org).

#### **Masks for Vulnerable Populations**

The Joint Operations Center's vulnerable population work group will receive 10,000 face masks to distribute to individuals in the community, through a project with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Clients of MDHHS, APS, the public health department, homeless shelters, food pantries, and MI Choice Waiver/Care management programs are the targeted recipients. If you are part of an agency/group that could help distribute the masks, please contact Karla Fales at [kfales@carewellservices.org](mailto:kfales@carewellservices.org).

#### **City of Battle Creek To Hold Meetings Virtually**

The city will continue to hold public meetings virtually through the month of August, as allowed by the governor's extended executive order.

#### **City of Springfield Offers Citywide Cleanup**

The city will host a residential, citywide cleanup, for those within Springfield city limits only. It will take place next Thursday, July 30, for bulk items. Please see the attached flyer for details, and visit [www.springfieldmich.com](http://www.springfieldmich.com) or call Lue at 269-441-9280 with any questions.



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