



## CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER



*COVID-19 Unified Response*

### **Joint Information Center** Thursday, July 9

As of 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, Calhoun County has a cumulative total of 525 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!**

One of the simplest actions you can take to help stop the spread of COVID-19 is to wear a face covering over your mouth and nose. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends this as a simple barrier that helps prevent respiratory droplets from your cough, sneeze, and potentially infecting other people.

Wearing a mask is showing compassion for your community.

The CDC recommends anyone over 2 years old wear a mask/face covering in public spaces. COVID-19 can spread from people with COVID-19 who show no symptoms at all. This is why it is especially important to wear a mask and keep practicing social distancing.

Members of the Joint Operations Center and greater community want you to know why they #MaskUp -- check out our video, and please wear a mask every time you are in a public space, or less than six feet from people outside your home.

**<https://youtu.be/2ozkIDWSzcs>**

#### **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in Calhoun County**

MDHHS in Calhoun County provides food and cash assistance, emergency relief, Medicaid, and other services. Staff are seeing typical volumes of applications and caseloads for these services. Most staff members are working remotely. Child and Adult Services programs continue, again, with staff mostly working remotely. They

are working in person for child and client contact casework. Call 269-966-1284 for more information.

### **City of Albion Operations Update**

Here are some highlights from the City of Albion about current government operations:

- City Hall (all areas except public safety), Public Services facilities, and parks (restrooms and playground equipment) remain closed to the public.
- Board and commission meetings will take place remotely through at least July 31. As many staff meetings as possible also will take place remotely.
- Essential services right now are: Public Safety; Public Services; Finance; Building, Planning, and Code Enforcement; Assessing; City Clerk; and City Manager.
- Indoor Recreation activities are suspended, with outdoor activities allowed if they meet the ongoing public health guidelines. Clerk and City Manager operations are offered remotely as much as possible.
- Visit the city's website for more information – [cityofalbionmi.gov](http://cityofalbionmi.gov).



### **Project FRESH Available This Weekend**

Beginning Saturday, July 11, the CCPHD WIC Program and local farmers will offer Project FRESH, a program making fresh farmers' market produce available to low-income, nutritionally-at-risk WIC participants in Calhoun County who are pregnant, postpartum, or children ages 1-4 years.

A coupon booklet worth \$25.00 will be given to WIC participants to be used at local 2020 farmers markets to buy fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables. Though infants 6-12 months do not qualify, all women and children enrolled in WIC are eligible. All farmers participating in Project FRESH will display a yellow poster stating: "Project FRESH Coupons Accepted Here."

Up to two Project FRESH booklets will be given per family if there are two members enrolled in WIC who are at least 1 year of age. While no appointment is required, there is a limited supply of the coupon booklets which will be given out on a first-come/first-served basis.



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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