



# CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER



COVID-19 Unified Response

## Joint Information Center Wednesday, August 12

As of 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, Calhoun County has a cumulative total of 711 confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported to Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD), with a total of 41 deaths attributed to the virus. This information is updated once daily, Monday through Friday, at [www.calhouncountymi.gov](http://www.calhouncountymi.gov).



### SOCIALIZE RESPONSIBLY.

While we are working our best to keep you safe in the workplace (with screening, PPE, distancing and other protocols), research has shown that spikes in COVID-19 cases are likely due to socially related events and gatherings.

#### Actions that keep you and coworkers healthy:



Avoid large gatherings (>10 people), such as weddings, graduation parties, or other get-togethers.



Stay 6 feet apart from those outside your household. Wear a mask if not possible.



Socialize outside whenever possible.



Wash hands before and after socializing.



#### Take care of one another.



When going into public places, wear a mask.



Avoid touching your face.



Wash or sanitize hands frequently.

#### Daily COVID-19 cases are increasing across the state.



- Wash hands before and after socializing.
- Avoid touching your face.

### Socialize Responsibly

Throughout the state and country, we are seeing outbreaks of COVID-19 due to increased socialization. Keep in mind best practices for socializing safely to reduce the possible spread of the virus. Here are some tips from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) about what you can do to keep yourself and the people around you healthy:

- Avoid large gatherings (>10 people), such as weddings, graduation parties, or other get-togethers.
- Stay 6 feet apart from those outside your household. Wear a mask if not possible.
- Socialize outside whenever possible.

This document from MDHHS shares these tips, as well as information about the total increase that the state saw in cases between June and July 2020.

## Back to School

The Calhoun County Public Health Department continues to work with local school districts as they develop and approve plans for a very different school year in 2020-2021. The best information about your school plan will come directly from the district, as every school works through the best situation for their communities.

"Each district is in a difficult position, and they are doing what they believe is best with their available resources," said Calhoun County Health Officer Eric Pessell. "My promise to them is that I will continue to work with their leadership, and our leadership, and help work through whatever plan they decided to adopt."

## Virtual Opportunities in Michigan

Of course large gatherings are cancelled nationwide, but many events have moved to a virtual format to allow participation, regardless of where you live. The Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter provides virtual support groups, social engagement programs, and education programs. These events, throughout August, provide a range of opportunities with partners like the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Historical Museum, and the Detroit Zoo. Click the flyer to see a list of all events, and visit [alz.org/crf](http://alz.org/crf) or call 800-272-3900 to register.

The flyer is titled "FREE UPCOMING PROGRAMS" and is from the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter. It lists three categories of programs:

- VIRTUAL SUPPORT GROUPS:** Includes "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 11, 12pm), "Caregiver Support Group" (Aug 11, 1pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 18, 12pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 12pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 1pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 12pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 1pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 12pm).
- VIRTUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS:** Includes "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 11, 12pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 11, 1pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 18, 12pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 12pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 1pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 12pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 1pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 12pm).
- VIRTUAL SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS:** Includes "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 11, 12pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 11, 1pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 18, 12pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 12pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 1pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 12pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 1pm), "Alzheimer's Support Group" (Aug 25, 12pm).

At the bottom, it says "Visit [alz.org/crf](http://alz.org/crf) or call 800-272-3900" and includes social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

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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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