



CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER

COVID-19 Unified Response



Joint Information Center Wednesday, August 26

As of 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, Calhoun County has a cumulative total of 820 confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported to Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD), with a total of 43 deaths attributed to the virus. This information is updated once daily, Monday through Friday, at www.calhouncountymi.gov.

Please note, today's unusually high daily case number reflects a backlog of data that was reported to the Calhoun County Public Health Department. Approximately 20 cases were reported by a lab and are not reflective of our average daily case count nor are they due to a Calhoun County outbreak event.

Update From the Calhoun County Courts

During this week's Joint Operations Center briefing, the Calhoun County Courts provided the following update:

- Clerks offices are fully operational, and the public can make an appointment to conduct business. The Justice Complex is open by appointment only, and a mask and health screening are required for entry. Visit calhouncountymi.gov/safestart for contact information to set up an appointment.
- Judges, Magistrates, and Referees are working in virtual courtrooms using Zoom and broadcast live via Youtube. Most hearing are held virtually in this way, but in some instances the judge may require or permit in-person appearances.
- Jury trials are expected to Oct. 12, 2020, and all considerations are being made to ensure jurors are safe when reporting to the courthouse for jury duty.

Free Masks Available Locally

Anyone interested in receiving a free mask can find a distribution location by calling the state COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136, or by contacting your local Community Action Agency. In Battle Creek, call Community Action at 877-422-2726.

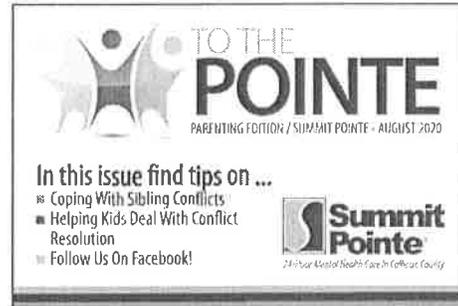
A partnership between the State of Michigan, Ford Motor Co., and the Federal Emergency Management Agency is providing four million free face masks to vulnerable individuals, and anyone in need of one. That includes low-income people, seniors, schools, and homeless shelters.

New Summit Pointe Parenting Newsletter

Summit Pointe has released the next issue of their parenting newsletter, To The Pointe. You can see it online here:

<https://www.summitpointe.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/ToThePointe-Parenting2P.pdf>

It includes information on coping with sibling conflicts, and helping children deal with conflict resolution.



For more information, follow Summit Pointe on Facebook [@SummitPointeCMH](#) and visit their website. Call them at 269-966-1460; the youth crisis line at 269-441-5945; the 24-hour crisis line at 800-632-5449; or text the crisis number 741741.

Sign up to [receive all Joint Operations Center communications](#).

For updates from Calhoun County, about County operations and COVID-19 in Calhoun County, visit the County website, calhouncountymi.gov.

For updates from the City of Battle Creek, please visit 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.

For information, contact

Lucy Blair, Calhoun County Communications Manager
269-781-0926, lblair@calhouncountymi.gov

Jessica Vanderkolk, City of Battle Creek Communications Manager
269-966-3378, jlvanderkolk@battlecreekmi.gov