



CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER

COVID-19 Unified Response



Joint Information Center Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021

As of 9:30 a.m on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021, Calhoun County has a cumulative total of 7,887 confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported to Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD), with a total of 206 deaths attributed to the virus. This information is updated once daily, Monday through Friday, at www.calhouncountymi.gov.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Vaccine distribution is still on going at the Public Health Department. In Calhoun County, total shots administered are, 4,528 first dose and 324 second dose shots. Last week, between Jan. 24-30, the Public Health Department administered 1,872 shots. This week we began second dose clinics so our overall second dose recorded number will start to increase in our next report. This information can be found at calhouncountymi.gov/covidvaccine and is updated once a week.

The CCPHD is already looking at a very busy February with 14 mass vaccination clinics for seniors 65+ scheduled, and an additional seven clinics serving Phase 1B Group A for second doses. Vaccination of teachers begins in February. Over the course of the month, approximately 2,086 school staff will be vaccinated. Nine first-dose clinics have been scheduled with Calhoun County schools. This includes staff at all of our private and public schools.

Any paid or unpaid person serving in the health care system that meets criteria for Phase 1A who has not received the COVID-19 vaccine please contact the CCPHD at 269-969-6990.

For individuals 65+ who want to receive the vaccine, currently our waitlist exceeds 7,146 people and 400 people continue to be added a day. As soon as additional mass vaccination clinics are scheduled when supply is identified, staff is calling people from this waitlist to schedule appointments.

Recently, the State reported that CCPHD will start to receive Pfizer and Moderna vaccines with an allotment of 600 doses of both, weekly. Partnering with Oaklawn Hospital, which has provided Moderna vaccinations already, additional vaccination opportunities will be specifically offered to those on the Calhoun Count 65+ waitlist. CCPHD and its partners will manage calling and scheduling individuals, while Oaklawn staff will vaccinate the public during the clinic. This will ensure the single waitlist CCPHD is using to vaccinate seniors is reduced as quickly as possible.

GET SIGNED UP FOR YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION

Seniors age 65+

Please call

269-441-0912

to be put on a waiting list.



Stay Informed!

calhouncountymi.gov/covidvaccine

[facebook.com/CCPublicHealthDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/CCPublicHealthDepartment)

The Calhoun County Public Health Department is starting to vaccinate our 65+ residents of Calhoun County. Vaccination clinics are being set up in Battle Creek, Marshall and Albion area. By calling 269-441-0912 and submitting your information, you are placing your name on a waitlist with the health department. All vaccination is by appointment. Do NOT show up at any vaccination site without an appointment. Please remember there is not enough vaccine to schedule or vaccinate everyone now eligible. Supplies are limited everywhere. Please be patient. We are vaccinating as quickly as possible.

Keep up with Calhoun County vaccine efforts at
calhouncountymi.gov/covidvaccine

Information Regarding New Variant

A variant of COVID-19 called B.1.1.7 was detected in Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, which potentially spreads faster than other variants of the virus. MDHHS advises that COVID-19 testing is critical for mitigating the spread of this variant.

This variant was first detected on Dec. 14, 2020 in the United Kingdom. Because the variant spreads more easily, it could increase the number of people who need to be hospitalized or who lose their lives to COVID-19 should the new variant begin circulating widely in Michigan. It is possible that there are more B.1.1.7 cases in Michigan that have not been identified.

Faster spread of COVID-19 illness is a serious concern because the number of people sickened increases so more may become seriously ill or die. Prevent transmission whenever possible. Residents are strongly encouraged to use all effective prevention strategies and test as soon as symptoms appear. Symptoms include, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches,

headaches, loss of taste, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

These prevention strategies, which are consistent with recommendations throughout the pandemic, will help slow the spread of COVID-19:

- Wear a face mask around others
- Keep at least 6 feet apart from others
- Clean hands frequently
- Avoid crowded areas or gatherings
- Ventilate indoor spaces if around others
- Seek testing if ill, exposed, or after travel
- Follow isolation or quarantine guidance if ill, exposed, or waiting on test results
- Get vaccinated when vaccine becomes available to you

Resources for Homelessness in Calhoun County

Partners across our community are working to support our neighbors who may face eviction, or need a safe and secure place to live, both in the City of Battle Creek and throughout Calhoun County.

The Homeless Coalition of Calhoun County is working with five programs to support this work, totaling millions of dollars of assistance to people who need it. Eligibility depends on different factors for the different programs; some have income requirements, and some offer assistance based on the housing need, for example.

There are a variety of phone numbers to call, based on the need. Please use and share the attached graphics so we can help our neighbors in need seek assistance.

Do you need help paying your bills?

Emergency Financial Assistance & Services in Battle Creek, MI

Call to learn if you qualify for available financial assistance!

- Facing Eviction?**
Legal Services of South Central Michigan - 269-966-3951 or michiganlegalhelp.org
- Seeking rent/utility assistance?**
Summit Pointe Housing - 269-966-1538 or Community Action Agency - 877-422-2726
- Need Additional Support, Interpretation, &/or Advocacy?**
Burns Center - 269-441-1131
Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan - 666-637-0733
New Level Sports Ministry - 269-964-4112
RISE: Reentry to Support & Empower Food Distribution - 269-358-9466
SAFE Place - 269-965-7233
Southwestern Michigan Urban League - 269-962-5653
Voices - 269-841-4111

As an equal opportunity provider, we do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, marital status, or disability. If you are a victim of domestic violence, we will provide you with confidential information and referrals to help you get the help you need.

Are you facing possible eviction?
Are you experiencing homelessness?

NEED HELP PAYING RENT

Call Summit Pointe Housing Assessment Resource Agency (HARA)

269-966-1538

to see if you qualify to receive up to 3 months of rent assistance.

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:

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