



Saginaw County



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Update for Saginaw County Officials 4/2/2020

Cases in Saginaw Co.

As of today, Saginaw County Health Department has been informed that 82 Saginaw County residents have tested positive for COVID-19. To date, 610 residents have been tested, with 179 negative results, 82 positives, and 349 pending.

Today's Emergency Order for Businesses Remaining Open

Please be advised that the following order was issued today and goes into effect at midnight.

**PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER SCHD2020-02 IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
PROCEDURES FOR BUSINESSES/ENTITIES
REMAINING OPEN UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-21**

The Saginaw County Health Department Local Health Officer issues this Order pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.2453 as it has been determined that it is necessary to protect the public health from further spread of COVID-19 within Saginaw County. As evidence for the need for these measures, the State of Michigan is under a “Stay Home. Stay Safe” order as of March 24, 2020. As part of that order, certain businesses and entities may remain open because they provide essential services to sustaining or protecting life. Being that COVID-19 is being spread by person to person contact, those businesses and entities remaining open still pose a risk to furthering community spread. In addition to the measures ordered by the Governor, certain procedures must be implemented at those businesses and entities in order to limit exposure within the community and protect the individuals designated as essential. As such, the Saginaw County Local Health Officer hereby orders the following to take effect on April 3, 2020 at 12:00 a.m. and will be in effect until it is determined by the Saginaw County Health Officer, that the threat to the public health of the residents of Saginaw County is no longer present.

Businesses and entities in Saginaw County remaining open under Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-21 must:

- Develop and implement a **daily screening procedure** for all staff upon reporting to work sites. The screening procedures must include the following:
 - Ask if the employee has symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, diarrhea. A temperature check is strongly recommended in lieu of verbal confirmation when a touchless thermometer is available.
 - Ask if the employee has had close contact in the last 14 days with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19.
 - If an employee answers “yes” to any of the screening questions, the employee is not permitted on the work site and should self-isolate/self-quarantine at home for:
 - A minimum of 3 days (72 hours) have passed without fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine) AND resolution of substantial

improvement in respiratory symptoms AND 7 days have passed since first symptoms began.

- 14 days if the employee had close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19.


Note: 14 day quarantine period does not apply to hospitals, healthcare facilities, EMS, other organizations that employ healthcare workers in the inpatient or outpatient setting, all providers and support staff involved in patient care, and public health staffing actively involved in the COVID-19 response (local or state).

- Develop and implement a **social distancing plan** (at least 6 feet from another person) for employees working in shared spaces and customers waiting for services inside or outside of the business.
 - Limit capacity inside facilities to provide for social distancing between customers and employees. This includes, but is not limited to use of signs, visual markings, contact barriers, entrance limits and specialized hours.
- **Publish this order at all facility entrances** so that it is visible to all employees and customers.

Such measures will be enforced, and any violations are subject to citation and penalties as outlined in the Michigan Public Health Code.

April 2, 2020

Date



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Toolkit for Businesses

Below is a packet of information we have developed to help businesses create and implement an active screening plan as well as clean and disinfect to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



COVID-19 BUSINESS GUIDELINES for essential service businesses

WHAT TO DO

Create and implement an active screening plan including:

- Location and staffing of the screening table
- Signage to support the active screening process
- Rules to allow or prohibit entry
- Script for screening
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer available at the screening table
- Handout explaining changes
- Develop sick policies and work from home options



SCREENING QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Greet everyone entering the building with a friendly, calm, and reassuring manner.

“Good morning/afternoon! As you know, COVID-19 continues to evolve quickly. We are screening all employees for potential risks of COVID-19 to ensure the health and safety of everyone.”

- 1) Do you have any of the following symptoms: fever/feverish, chills, dry cough, difficulty breathing, or digestive symptoms such as diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain?
 Yes **No**
- 2) Have you had close contact with a confirmed/probable COVID-19 case in the last 14 days?
 Yes **No**
- 3) If you have the ability to take temperatures (screen for 100.4°F or higher), use infrared or ear thermometers. We are not recommending oral as this could put those taking the temps at undue risk.



HOW TO RESPOND

If the individual answers **NO** to all questions, they have passed the screening and can begin working.

If the individual answers **YES** to any screening questions, or refuses to answer or have their temperature taken, they have failed the screening. They are not permitted on the work site and should self-quarantine at home:

- A minimum of 72 hours without fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine) AND improvement in respiratory symptoms AND 7 days have passed since first symptoms began.
- 14 days if the employee had close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19.

Note: 14 day quarantine period does not apply to healthcare workers in the inpatient or outpatient setting, all providers and support staff involved in patient care, and public health staffing actively involved in the COVID-19 response (local or state).

MESSAGES YOU CAN USE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF VIRUSES AND STAY HEALTHY

Practice these healthy habits to prevent the spread of viruses:

- Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or cough/sneeze in your upper sleeve.
- Immediately throw away used tissues in the trash, then wash hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, handles, light switches, tables, toilets, faucets, sinks and cell phones.
- Avoid touching common surfaces in public places -- elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, etc. Use elbows or knuckles to push buttons/door handles when you do not have a tissue or sleeve to cover your hand/finger.
- Make sure others in your household, or anyone you are regularly in close contact with, follow these precautions.



For more information, visit the CDC's Resources for Businesses and Employers (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers>).

For questions, utilize the Saginaw County Health Department hotline at (989) 758-3828 or visit www.saginawpublichealth.org.



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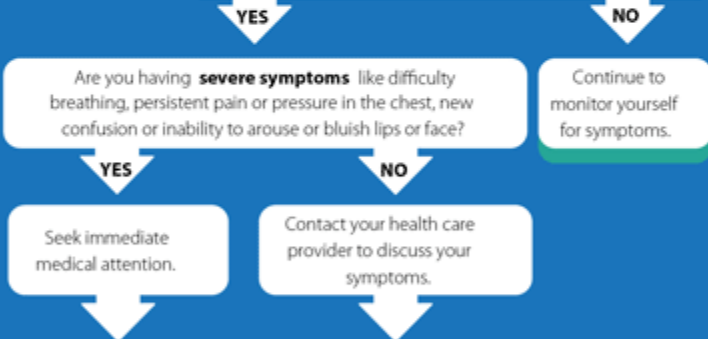


I think I have been exposed to COVID-19, what should I do?

Close Contacts



Have you developed symptoms of respiratory illness such as **fever, cough, or shortness of breath**?

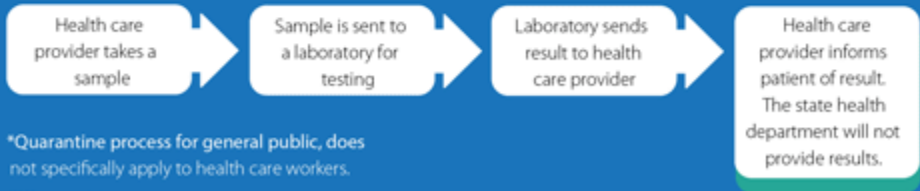


HOW DO I MONITOR MYSELF?
Pay attention for COVID-19 symptoms:

- **Fever**
- **Cough**
- **Shortness of Breath**

If you are concerned about your health, contact your health care provider.

If your doctor decides you should be tested for COVID-19,
your health care provider can order testing for you.



*Quarantine process for general public, does not specifically apply to health care workers.

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CLEANING & DISINFECTION

For Facilities After Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Exposure

Timing and location of cleaning and disinfection of surfaces.

At a school, daycare center, office, or other facility that does not house people overnight:

It is recommended to close off areas used by the ill persons and wait as long as practical before beginning cleaning and disinfection to minimize potential for exposure to respiratory droplets. Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area. If possible, wait up to 24 hours before beginning cleaning and disinfection.

How to clean and disinfect.

Surfaces

If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

For disinfection, diluted household bleach solutions, alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol, and most common EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective.

- Diluted household bleach solutions can be used if appropriate for the surface. Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation.
- Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser.



- Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted (should have an active ingredient of at least 5% sodium hypochlorite).



Prepare a bleach solution by mixing one cup of bleach to 9 cups of water.

Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are expected to be effective against COVID-19 based on data for harder to kill viruses. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).

Soft Surfaces

For soft (porous) surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes, remove visible contamination if present and clean with appropriate cleaners indicated for use on these surfaces. After cleaning:

- If the items can be laundered, launder items in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions using the warmest appropriate water setting for the items and then dry items completely. Otherwise, use products with the EPA approved emerging viral pathogens claims that are suitable for porous surfaces.



Linens, Clothing, and Other Items That Go in the Laundry

- Do not shake dirty laundry; this minimizes the possibility of dispersing virus through the air.
- Wash items as appropriate in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If possible, launder items using the warmest appropriate water setting for the items and dry items completely. Dirty laundry that has been in contact with an ill person can be washed with other people's items.
- Clean and disinfect hampers or other carts for transporting laundry according to guidance above for hard or soft surfaces.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) and hand hygiene considerations.

Cleaning staff should wear disposable gloves and gowns for all tasks in the cleaning process, including handling trash.

- Gloves and gowns should be compatible with the disinfectant products being used.
- Additional PPE might be required based on the cleaning/disinfectant products being used and whether there is a risk of splash.
- Gloves and gowns should be removed carefully to avoid contamination of the wearer and the surrounding area. Be sure to **clean hands** after removing gloves.
- Gloves should be removed after cleaning a room or area occupied by ill persons. **Clean hands** immediately after gloves are removed.
- Cleaning staff should immediately report breaches in PPE (e.g., tear in gloves) or any potential exposures to their supervisor.

Cleaning staff and others should clean hands often.

Clean hands often including immediately after removing gloves and after contact with an ill person, by washing hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If soap and warm water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol may be used. However, if hands are visibly dirty, always wash hands with soap and warm water.

Follow normal preventive actions while at work and home, including cleaning hands and avoiding touching eyes, nose, or mouth. Additional key times to clean hands include:

- After blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After using the restroom
- Before eating or preparing food
- After contact with animals or pets
- Before and after providing routine care for another person who needs assistance (e.g., a child)



If the Saginaw County Health Department can help you in any way to better protect citizens and staff and prevent the spread of COVID-19, please reach out to us. I also encourage you to refer to our website at www.saginawpublichealth.org and our Facebook page. We continue to post executive orders, timely information and videos to answer some of the most urgent questions we are receiving from partners and the public.

Be well.

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