

# PROTECTING YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM CORONAVIRUS



Frequently wash your hands with soap and water



Avoid touching your eyes and mouth



Clean and disinfect frequently used objects and surfaces



Avoid close contact with those who exhibit flu-like symptoms



Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening.

**For more information  
please contact your  
State Representative**

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## CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

As the Coronavirus outbreak continues to evolve, the following resources are available to assist you.

### Statewide Hotline • (888) 535-6136

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services launched a statewide hotline to respond to health-related questions about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The hotline is open **seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Public health and other experts will answer health-related questions and direct residents and providers to the resources in their local communities and in other state government departments.

### Closure of Bars, Theaters, Casinos, and Other Public Spaces and Limiting Restaurant Service to Delivery and Carry-Out Orders

Effective **Mar. 16 until Mar. 30**, the following places of public accommodation will be closed; restaurants, cafes, coffee houses, bars, taverns, brewpubs, distilleries, clubs, movie theaters, indoor and outdoor performance venues, gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios, spas, and casinos.

This order does not restrict a place of business from offering food and beverage using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service.

### Expanding Unemployment Benefits

Beginning **March 16, until April 14**, Michigan is temporarily expanding unemployment benefit eligibility to those affected by COVID-19. Benefits will be extended to:

- Workers who have an unanticipated family care responsibility, like child care due to school closures or caring for a loved one who is ill;
- Workers who are sick, quarantined or immunocompromised, and do not have access to paid leave time or are laid off; and
- First responders in the public health community who become ill or are quarantined.

Benefits will also be extended from 20 to 26 weeks, the eligibility period would be increased from 14 to 28 days, and the normal in-person registration and work search requirements will be suspended.

### Telemedicine Expansion

Medicaid beneficiaries may now receive services in their home while the state combats the spread of COVID-19. In addition, insurance plans like Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Blue Care Network of Michigan, Priority Health, Meridian, CVS Health, McLaren, and Health Alliance Plan also announced that they will cover and encourage the use of virtual care and telemedicine, as well as waive cost-sharing for COVID-19 testing.

### K-12 School Closures

Beginning **Mar. 16 until Apr. 5**, all K-12 school buildings, public, private, and boarding, are closed. Childcare facilities will remain open during this time, whether they are attached to schools or free standing.

### Enhanced Restrictions on Price Gouging

The temporary enhanced price gouging restrictions on goods, materials, emergency supplies, and consumer food items are effective beginning **Mar. 16 and will remain in place until Apr. 13**. A business or individual must not offer for sale or sell any product in Michigan at a price that is more than 20 percent higher than what the business or individual offered or charged for that product as of March 9, unless the business or individual demonstrates that the price increase is attributable to an increase in the cost of bringing the product to market.

Michigan residents are urged to report any **violation of the Consumer Protection Act online** or by calling (877) 765-8388.