



# COVID-19

## Interim Guidance for Schools, Businesses, and Non-Profits



HEALTH  
Department

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This interim guidance is based on what is currently known about the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Information will be updated as it becomes available.

### **ALLEGAN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE: WHAT ARE WE DOING?**

- Participating on calls with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Monitoring all individuals based on risk exposure [CDC guidance](#)
- Maintaining communication with local medical providers to provide up to date information

## **PREVENT THE SPREAD**

### **PERFORM ROUTINE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING**

- No additional disinfection beyond routine cleaning is recommended at this time
- Employers are recommended to provide disposable wipes so that commonly used surfaces (doorknobs, keyboards, remote controls, desks, etc.) can be wiped down by employees before each use
- Schedule routine cleaning for all frequently touched surfaces. Use the cleaning agents you normally use for these areas and follow the directions on the label

### **WHAT PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) SHOULD I USE?**

- Currently, the CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
  - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. Health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings should also consider facemask use.
- There is no specific OSHA standard covering COVID-19. However, some [OSHA requirements](#) may apply to preventing occupational exposure to COVID-19.

### **IF PPE IS NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME, HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF?**

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe
- Regularly wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60-95% alcohol



# **PLANNING**

## **DETERMINE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR YOUR ENTITY**

- Communicate with employees
  - Ensure they have their own family emergency preparedness plans and have an appropriate stockpile of food/water/medications for family
  - See if they have the potential to work or learn remotely
  - Ensure they have child care plans in place
- Review sick leave policy and consider high absenteeism
- Plan for how operations will continue if there is increasing absenteeism or other interruptions
- Contact vendors or other entities to ensure they have emergency response plans in place

## **TRAVEL**

- Consider postponing nonessential travel
- Evaluate [CDC travel guidance](#) prior to travel

# **RESOURCES**

- [CDC/COVID-19](#)
- [Occupational Health and Safety Administration](#)
- [MDHHS](#)

