

COVID-19 BUSINESS RESOURCES

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BERRIEN-CASS-VAN BUREN



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Hello,

Please see the following updated resources. We have included information to give to your employees during this difficult time, as well as continued guidance and information for employers.

Our team is continually learning of changes and updates, and will continue to provide this information to you.

We encourage you to reach out to us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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And the rest of your team at Michigan Works!





New Hotline Available for COVID-19 Related Questions

The Department of Health and Human Services has created a hotline that provides access to public health and other experts to answer health-related questions about COVID-19. This team can also direct residents and providers to the right resources in their local communities and in other state government departments.

The hotline will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-888-535-6136.

SBAM DAILY BRIEFING

3:00pm Weekdays on Facebook | Replays at SBAM.org

Helping small businesses
navigate the COVID-19 crisis



FACT SHEET #160 March 2020

CLAIMING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IN MICHIGAN COVID-19 GUIDE

If you become unemployed, you may qualify for unemployment insurance benefits. These benefits are intended to provide temporary income as you seek new employment. To be eligible for unemployment benefits, you must be unemployed and able to, available for, and actively seeking suitable full-time work.

Filing for and Receiving Benefits

A claim for unemployment benefits begins the week it is filed. Therefore, you should file your claim during your first week of unemployment.

There are two ways to file a new claim or re-open an existing claim:

- **FASTEST AND PREFERRED METHOD:** Online – Visit www.michigan.gov/uia and sign into MILogin to access or create an account on the Michigan Web Account Manager (MiWAM).
- **Telephone** – Call 1-866-500-0017. If you are hearing impaired, TTY service is available at 1-866-366-0004.

Information Needed to File a Claim:

- Your social security card,
- Your state issued driver's license or ID card number or your MARVIN PIN (if you have one),
- The names and addresses of employers you worked for during the past 18 months along with your quarterly gross earnings,
- The last date of employment with each employer,
- Your most recent employer's Federal Employer ID number (FEIN) (especially if you have **not** filed a claim within the last three years or have been employed for less than six months) and Employer Account Number (EAN). Depending on your situation, knowing the account number may speed up the processing of your claim.
- If you are **not** a U.S. citizen or national, you will need your Alien Registration card and the expiration date of your work authorization.

Bi-Weekly Certifications

You must certify your eligibility every two weeks to receive payment. The preferred method of certifying is online, although phone certification is also available.

- **Online:** Visit www.michigan.gov/uia and sign into MILogin to access your MiWAM account. Your online account is accessible seven days a week, 24 hours a day.
- **By Phone:** Call MARVIN at 1-866-638-3993, Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Register for Work and Work Search

- **Register for work and work search are not required at this time.**

Two ways to receive benefits, choose either:

- Debit card or
- Direct deposit to your bank account

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For more information – including a copy of UIA 1901, *Unemployment Benefits in Michigan* and forms, visit our website at www.michigan.gov/uia. If you have a question or problem with your claim, you can submit an inquiry or chat online through your MiWAM account or call 1-866-500-0017. Customers may schedule an appointment for an in-person visit at 1-866-500-0017.

Employers, direct your questions to the Office of Employer Ombudsman (OEO) through your MiWAM account at www.michigan.gov/uia. If you are hearing impaired, TTY service is available at 1-866-366-0004.

WHAT YOU NEED TO FILE AN UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM

To file a claim, you must first sign into MILogin to create or access your MiWAM account at www.michigan.gov/uia.

PERSONAL INFORMATION	
Social Security Number:	
Driver license number or State ID number:	
Mailing address (where you want information about your claim sent):	
County (where you live):	
Telephone number: Email Address:	
How do you want to be paid? Select your benefit payment preference:	Direct Deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Debit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Routing Number: _____ Bank Account: _____
If you are not a citizen or national of the United States, give your Alien Registration Number and the expiration date shown on your alien ID or documents:	
EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION	
Your most recent employer (the one you last worked for) and Federal Employer Identification Number and Employer Account Number:	Name: _____ FEIN: _____ EAN: _____
Street Address (use the payroll address if known):	
City, State and Zip Code:	
Dates of employment and the amount of money you earned (gross amount, without deductions)	Beginning Date: _____ Ending Date: _____ Gross Earning : _____
Your next recent employer (the one you last worked for) and Federal Employer Identification Number and Employer Account Number:	Name: _____ FEIN: _____ EAN: _____
Street Address (use the payroll address if known):	
City, State and Zip Code:	
Dates of employment and the amount of money you earned (gross amount, without deductions)	Beginning Date: _____ Ending Date: _____ Gross Earning : _____

Hey UIA Claimants!

READ THIS!



DID YOU KNOW that there is no in-person work registration if you're claiming unemployment benefits?



DID YOU KNOW you will be able to talk to an agent when you file your claim by phone?



DID YOU KNOW you could file your claim online?



DID YOU KNOW you could chat with a live agent online through MiWAM?

michigan.gov/uia

Breakfast/Lunch Distribution by County

Berrien

Location	Day(s)	Time(s)	Other Notes
<i>Benton Harbor</i>			
Boys and Girls Club of Benton Harbor: Fettig Campus	March 16 th – April 3 rd Monday – Friday	3:00 – 5:00	You do not need to be a Club Member
Boys and Girls Club of Benton Harbor: Joel E. Smilow Teen Center			
Benton Harbor High School	March 16 th – April 3 rd Monday – Friday	9:30 – 1:00	More sites to come Check bhas.org for details and updates
Blossom Acres			
Benton Harbor Manor			
First Church of God Benton Heights			
Countryview Apartments			
Overflow Church			
Ravines MHC			
Berrien Homes			
River Terrace			
<i>Berrien Springs</i>			
Berrien Springs High School Circle Drive	March 16 th – April 3 rd Monday – Friday	11:00 – 12:00	
River Estates Mobile Home Park Office			
<i>Brandywine</i>			
Brandywine Community Schools	March 16 th – April 5 th	7 days/week of breakfast and lunch available. Please register by calling 269-683-4800 x 3208.	
<i>Bridgman</i>			
Bridgman High School (front entrance)	March 15 th – April 5 th on Sundays and Wednesdays	5:30 – 6:30	Sunday pickup includes breakfast and lunch for Monday-Wednesday
Bridgman Public Library (backside of library)			Wednesday pickup includes breakfast and lunch for Thursday – Sunday
Warren Dunes Village (club house)			If you do not have transportation, contact Peggy Ferguson at pferguson@bridgmanschools.com

<i>Buchanan</i>			
Buchanan High School (tennis court parking lot)	March 16 th – April 3 rd Monday – Friday	11:00 – 12:30	You will receive a lunch pack for day of and a snack for the following day. Child must be present at pick up. Contact Suzette for more details at shendershott@buchananschools.com
Ottawa School Bus Stop		11:00 – 11:25	
Moccasin School Bus Stop		11:35 – 12:00	
Victory Park Bus Stop		12:10 – 12:30	
Stark School Bus Stop		11:15 – 11:40	
Rynearson Apartments		11:50 – 12:15	
Hill's Haven		11:00 – 11:30	
Riverside Estates		11:45 – 12:15	
<i>Coloma</i>			
Coloma for Bus Riders	March 16 th – April 3 rd Mondays and Thursdays		Bus Drivers will driver their normal routes and drop off food to their normal stops at "delayed day start times" on Mondays (3 days worth of food) and Thursdays (4 days worth of food). Students must be present at pickup
Coloma Intermediate Parking Lot (for non-bus riders)	March 16 th – April 3 rd Mondays and Thursdays	10:00 – 10:30	Questions, contact Shelley Mazigian at smazigian@ccs.coloma.org
<i>Eau Claire</i>			
Student bus stops	March 16 th – April 3 rd		By request only. To request meals, please contact Diane Burbach at 269-595-3834.
<i>Lakeshore (Stevensville/Baroda)</i>			
Spring Lake Mobile Home Park Community Center	March 16 th – April 3 rd Monday – Friday	11:30	For questions, please contact Pam Greiffendorf at 269-428-1400 x 2965.
Shawnee Mobile Home Park Community Center			
Lake Pines Apartments Community Center			
Baroda Estates Mobile Home Park Office Area			

<i>New Buffalo</i>			
New Buffalo Elementary School (door #2 – back of cafeteria)	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	11:30 – 12:00	Contact Patty Iazzetto at 269-469-6048 or piassetto@nbas.org for students with food allergies or families that cannot get to the locations listed.
New Buffalo High School (doors #7 & #8 – back of cafeteria)		11:30 – 12:00	
Judy's Motel		12:15 – 12:45	
Oakview Estate Apartments		12:15 – 12:45	
New Buffalo Library Parking Lot		1:00 – 1:30	
<i>Niles</i>			
Niles YMCA	March 17 th – April 3 rd Monday – Friday (except for the first week, which starts on a Tuesday)	11:00 – 12:00	Weekend meals will also be available for pick up during Friday meal service. For more information, email jj.merimonti@nilesschools.org
Niles Library			
Howard Elementary			
Northside Elementary			
Niles High School			
Niles Administration & Education Center			
Ballard Elementary		5:30 – 6:15	
<i>River Valley (Sawyer, New Troy, Galien, Three Oaks)</i>			
Trinity Lutheran Church	March 16 th – April 3 rd Monday - Friday	11:00 – 11:30	Children enrolled in Blessings in a Backpack at River Valley will have access to their weekend food packs each Friday, March 20 th – April 3 rd at the designated pick up locations
New Troy Community Center		11:45 – 12:15	
Galien Township Library		12:30 – 1:00	
Three Oaks Elementary		1:15 – 1:45	
<i>St. Joseph</i>			
Lincoln School	March 16 th – April 3 rd Monday – Friday	11:30 – 12:30	Please approach the south side of the building on Lincoln School Rd
<i>Watervliet</i>			
Marathon	March 16 th – April 3 rd Monday – Friday	Breakfast 8:30 Lunch 12:30	
Bainbridge Township Hall			
Pleasantview			
Fire Station			
Free Methodist Church			
North Watervliet Trailer Park			
Ma & Pa's			
Cobblestone/River of Life			
Tom Smith's Tractor			

Cass

<i>Cassopolis</i>			
Sam Adams (South East street parking lot)	March 18 th and March 20 th Beginning March 23 rd , distribution will be Mondays and Thursdays	3:30 – 5:00	Please bring bags or boxes for meals to be placed in. For more information, please contact Heather Rigby at hrigby@cassopolis.org
Penn Township Fire Department			
<i>Dowagiac</i>			
Twin Lakes Park	March 16 th – April 3 rd Monday – Friday	11:00 – 11:30	
Riverside Apartments		11:00 – 11:30	
Sister Lakes Community Church		11:45 – 12:15	
Dowagiac District Library		11:30 – 12:00	
Water Tower Park		12:00 – 12:30	
Indian Hills Apartments		12:30 – 1:00	
Justus Gage Playground		12:30 – 1:00	
HS Auto Shop		1:00 – 1:30	
Action Pantry		1:00 – 1:30	
Eagle’s Wood Apartments		1:30 – 2:00	
Vineyard Place Apartments		1:30 – 2:00	
Walter Ward Park		2:00 – 2:30	
Dowagiac Marathon	Weekends 9:00 – 11:00 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 – 10:00		Pancakes to children K-12 age
<i>Edwardsburg</i>			
Edwardsburg Middle School	March 17 th – April 3 rd Tuesdays and Fridays	11:00 – 12:30	For more information, visit edwardsburgpublicschools.org or call 269-663-3055.
Eagle Lake Elementary			
Five Points Minland Machine			
Milton Township Hall			
<i>Marcellus</i>			
Marcellus Middle/High School entrance	Wednesday, March 18 th – April 3 rd	11:30 – 12:30	Call the school if you have any questions

Van Buren

<i>Bangor</i>			
Bangor High School	Starting Wednesday, March 18 th Monday, Wednesday, Friday	1:30 – 3:30	Food distribution points will be near a parked school bus at the sites listed and at the front entrance of the high school, near the flagpole.
Bangor Housing Commission			
Arlington Township Hall			
Bangor Township Hall			
Columbia Township Hall			
Geneva Township Hall			
Village of Breedsville			
Port of Call Mobile Home Park			
Country Holiday Estates			
<i>Bloomington</i>			
Bus Routes	Starting Wednesday, Mach 18 th Monday – Thursday	3 hours later than normal bus pickup	Please be waiting at the bus stop for the delivery or in the driveway (do not cross the street).
Pullman Elementary (west door entrance)		11:00 – 12:00	For students who live in town or do not ride the bus
Bloomington Elementary (bus loading/unloading entrance)			
<i>Covert</i>			
Bus Routes	March 18 th , March 25 th , April 1 st	9:30 – 11:30	Transportation will use their normal bus routes to drop off food for students.
Covert Library Parking Lot			For students who walk to school, there will be a bus parked at the library to pick up food.
Covert Public Schools			12:30 – 2:00
<i>Decatur</i>			
Decatur Jr/Sr High School	Starting Wednesday, March 18 th – April 3 rd Monday – Friday	12:00	Food will be delivered directly to the cars parking in the parking lot.
<i>Gobles</i>			
Gobles Middle School/High School	Monday – Friday	9:00 – 11:00	

<i>Hartford</i>			
Hartford Middle/High School	March 16 th – April 3 rd Monday – Friday	12:00 – 1:00	If unable to get to one of the sites listed, please contact Central Office at 269-621-7000.
Redwood Elementary			
Van Auken Lake Store			
Keeler Fire Department			
Tom Smith Tractor		11:30 – 12:00	
City Hall (parking lot)			
Maple Hill Trailer Park (main entrance)			
Applewood Trailer Park (Main entrance)			
Van Buren Fair Grounds			
Corner of Lyttleton Ave & 66 th Street		12:15 – 12:45	
Hartford Community Center (parking lot)			
Corner of Pleasant & Vanderlyn			
<i>Lawrence</i>			
Lawrence Jr/Sr High School	March 16 th , March 23 rd , March 30 th	11:30 – 12:30	One week (5 days) of supply of breakfast and lunch at each pick up
<i>Lawton</i>			
Lawton High School Cafeteria	March 17 th – April 2 nd	11:30 – 12:30	Pickup locations throughout the community are TBD; follow their website/FB
<i>Mattawan</i>			
Mattawan High School	March 18 th – April 1 st Monday,	11:30 – 1:00	
Woodland Estates	Wednesday, Friday		
Mattawan Pantry	Wednesdays from 4:00 – 7:00 and Saturdays 8:30 – 11:30. You may come once per week; volunteers will pack up and deliver food to your call. Call 269-459-3088 with questions.		

<i>Paw Paw</i>			
Paw Paw Middle School	Starts March 18 th Then every Monday, Wednesday and Friday thereafter	11:00 – 1:00	
<i>South Haven</i>			
South Haven High School (south gym entrance)	Starting Tuesday, March 17 th Tuesdays and Fridays	3:00 – 6:00	For questions, please contact our Administration Building at 269-637-0500
Park Meadows (mailboxes by office)		10:45 – 11:15	
Port of Call (near office)		11:25 – 11:40	
Coastal Crossing (near office)		11:55 – 12:25	
The Ravines		12:35 – 12:50	
Briar Hills		1:00 – 1:30	
South Haven Mobile Home		1:35 – 1:50	
Lakeshore Mobile Home		2:05 – 2:20	
Elkenburg Park		2:30 – 2:45	
Van Buren ISD	March 20, March 27 and April 3	Delivery	Delivering food for students attending the Bert Goens Learning Center. Each package will contain five days worth of food.

Food Pantries Berrien County

NAME	PHONE	ADDRESS	CITY	TYPE	EMAIL
All Nations SDA	269-473-4400	4259 E. Snow road	Berrien Springs	Food Pantry	NONE
Bangor Food Pantry	269-427-8084	12 Charles Street	Bangor	Food Pantry	NONE
BH Street Ministries	269-925-4333	200 E. Empire Avenue	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry	bcaec_cweb@sbccglobal.net
Berrien Co Hispanic SDA	269-208-9563	6076 E. Main Street	Eau Claire	Food Pantry	NONE
BS Spanish Church	334-590-9089	210 W. Ferry Street	Berrien Springs	Food Pantry Every Wednesday	info@bsschurch.org
BS UMC	269-471-7220	310 W. Mars Street	Berrien Springs	Food Pantry	umc.berriensprings@gmail.com
Bethel Apostolic Tab	269-695-3356	945 Chippewa Street	Buchanan	Food Pantry	info@bethelpostofficebarnacle.com
Bethel Tabernacle	269-684-2108	110 Ironwood Drive	Niles	Food Pantry	NONE
Bread of Life OIOPC	269-465-6252	3903 Lake Street	Bridgman	Food Pantry Tue & Thur	pastor@olqop.org
Brotherhood COGIC	269-926-2504	516 Emery	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry	NONE
Calvary Tabernacle	269-820-6060	606 N. Elm Street	Three Oaks	Food Pantry	NONE
Caring Cupboard	269-465-4673	3555 Shawnee Road	Bridgman	Food Pantry	emncarlsmom@gmail.com
Catholic Comm Cntr	269-926-6424	346 Catalpa	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry Tue & Thurs	NONE
Catholic Comm Cntr	269-926-6412	589 Pearl	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry	NONE
Central Assembly of God	269-468-8422	6801 Ryno Road	Coloma	Food Pantry 4 th Monday	NONE
Coloma United Meth	269-468-6062	144 S. Church Street	Coloma	Food Pantry Tue/Wed/Thur	office.colomaumc@gmail.com
Community Services Ctr	269-471-7411	9147 U.S. 31	Berrien Springs	Food Pantry	NONE
Evangelistic Tabernacle	269-473-2888	424 S. Mechanic Street	Berrien Springs	Food Pantry	NONE
Fairplain Presbyterian	269-925-0041	210 W. Napier Avenue	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry Thursdays Only	office@fairplainpc.com
Fairplain SDA	269-926-8891	140 Seneca	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry by Appointment	pastor.erbes@actmail.com
Faith Victory Fellowship	269-695-1091	13369 N. Main Street	Buchanan	Food Pantry	NONE
First Apostolic Church	269-465-6798	10916 California Road	Bridgman	Food Pantry	NONE
First Assembly of God	269-556-1422	3084 Niles Road	St. Joseph	Food Pantry	NONE
First Church of God BH	269-983-1524	990 N. Euclid Avenue	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry	firstchurch@myfirstchurch.com
First Presbyterian Church of Niles	269-983-7600 ext 203	13 S. 4 th Street	Niles	Food Pantry	fpc_reliefcoordinator@comcast.net
Harbor Country	269-756-7444	301 North Elm Street	Three Oaks	Food Pantry Tue/Wed/Thur	NONE
Harbor of Hope Memorial Church	269-471-3133	4519 International Court	Berrien Springs	Food Pantry 2 nd & 4 th Sunday	webteam@pmchurch.org
Helping Hands Foundat	269-925-0946	168 Elvern Drive	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry	NONE
Hope Comm Church	269-684-2770	2390 Lake Street	Niles	Food Truck 3 rd Tuesday	info@hopeofniles.com
Living Word Church	269-468-3881	6993 Red Arrow Hwy	Coloma	Food Pantry	NONE
Mt. Calvary Mission	269-683-0243	601 Ferry Street	Niles	Food Pantry	info@mtcbministries.net
New Bethel Baptist	269-927-1262	172 Townline Road	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry	NONE
New Freedom Church	269-468-5683	6210 Mountain Road	Coloma	Food Pantry	NONE
New Heights CCDA	269-983-1524	2627 Niles Avenue	St. Joseph	Food Pantry 1 st & 3 rd Mondays 2 nd & 4 th Tuesday, Every Thurs	chris.b@newheightsccda.com
New Life Baptist	269-429-7576	3265 S. Cleveland Ave	St. Joseph	Food Pantry	NONE
Niles Philadelphia SDA	269-262-4110	33332 US Hwy 12	Niles	Food Pantry	nixon@trssda.com

Oak Ridge Comm Church	269-429-7141	766 Oakridge Drive	St. Joseph	Food Pantry Tue & Thur 2 nd week of the month	church@oakridgebc.org
Old Path Church of God	269-927-4559	401 Madison	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry	NONE
Our Lady Queen Peace	269-465-6252	3903 Lake Street	Bridgman	Food Pantry Tue & Thur	secretary@oiaqp.org
Pioneer Memorial SDA	269-471-4536	400 University Blvd	Berrien Springs	Food Pantry	NONE
Progressive Missionary	269-925-4871	245 Pipestone Road	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry Every Fri	NONE
Redbud Area Ministries	269-695-5083	708 N. Redbud Trail	Buchanan	Food Pantry	redbudareaministries@yahoo.com
Road to Life	269-429-1106	3800 Niles Road	St. Joseph	Food Pantry 3 rd Saturday	info@roadtolifechurch.com
Salvation Army - BH	269-927-1353	232 Michigan Street	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry Mon-Fri 9-2:30	wriibentonharbor@usc.salvationarmy.org
Salvation Army - Niles	269-684-2660	424 N. 15 th Street	Niles	Food Pantry	wriiniles@usc.salvationarmy.org
Senior Meals on Wheels	269-925-0137	1708 Colfax Avenue	Benton Harbor	Food Delivery Sns Only 60+	lstrohl@snsmeals.org
SMCAA	269-925-8242	331 Miller Street	Benton harbor	Food Assistance	contact@smcaa.com
St. Augustine Episcop	269-925-2670	1753 Union Street	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry 2 nd & 4 th Monday	office@staugustinebh.com
St. Joseph Catholic	269-463-5470	157 Lucinda Lane	Watervliet	Food Pantry Tue & Thur	sicatholicwatervliet@gmail.com
St. Joseph Catholic	269-983-1575	211 Church Street	St. Joseph	Food Pantry	NONE
St. Joseph SDA Church	269-408-1130	1201 Maiden Lane	St. Joseph	Food Pantry 2 nd Tue of Month	royact@yahoo.com
St. Mary's Catholic	269-684-0637	322 Clay Street	Niles	Food Pantry	NONE
St. Vincent De Paul	269-427-7425	201 S. Walnut	Bangor	Food Pantry	NONE
Stevensville SDA	269-4292-2391	6657 Stevensville-Baroda	Stevensville	Food Pantry	NONE
Summerville Bible Bapt	269-683-5545	61268 Indian Lake Road	Niles	Food Pantry	NONE
Trinity Church of God	269-925-0579	2029 Red Arrow Hwy	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry	NONE
Trinity Lutheran Church	269-422-2554	1733 W. Glendora	Buchanan	Food Pantry	NONE
Unity Temple COGIC	269-925-4038	435 Felton Avenue	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry Mon & Fri	NONE
Watervliet C of JC	206-208-6238	6479 N. Watervliet Road	Watervliet	Food Pantry	NONE
Watervliet Free Method	269-463-8280	7734 Paw Paw Avenue	Watervliet	Food Pantry Mondays	watervlietfcmchurch@gmail.com
W/C Benton Harbor	269-927-5646	2149 E. Napier Avenue	Benton Harbor	Services for Women/Children	NONE
W/C Niles	269-684-2800	1205 N. Front Street	Niles	Services for Women/Children	NONE
W/C Three Oaks	269-756-2008	21 N. Elm Street	Three Oaks	Services for Women/Children	NONE
Woodland Shores	269-465-4673	3555 Shawnee Road	Bridgman	Food Pantry	office@wsbchurch.com
World Life Fellowship	269-463-7524	330 South Pleasant St	Watervliet	Food Pantry Wednesday	NONE
World of Truth Del	269-934-9673	1209 Pipestone Road	Benton Harbor	Food Pantry Sun, Mon, Wed & Thur	NONE

Feeding America Food Trucks

Please visit feedwm.org for updated information prior to attending!

Distributions in Berrien County

March 26, 2020

- **4:00 PM - Berrien County**, Trinity Lutheran Church, [619 Main St, St. Joseph, MI 49085](#)

March 27, 2020

- **4:00 PM - Berrien County**, Calvary Road Community Church @ First Baptist Church, [1446 E. Main Street, Niles, MI 49022](#)

April 6, 2020

- **11:00 AM - Berrien County**, Neighbor to Neighbor, [9147 Old U.S. 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49103](#)

April 8, 2020

- **3:00 PM - Berrien County**, The Bridge Academy @ Aludine, [1320 Paw Paw Avenue, Benton Harbor, MI 49022](#)

April 10, 2020

- **4:00 PM - Berrien County**, Eau Claire Seventh Day Adventist Church @ Pipestone Berrien Township Fire Department, [6265 W. Main St., Eau Claire, MI 49111](#)

April 14, 2020

- **2:00 PM - Berrien County**, United Way of Southwest Michigan @ Boys & Girls Club, [600 Nate Wells Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022](#)

April 15, 2020

- **4:00 PM - Berrien County**, Stevensville United Methodist Church, [5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville, MI 49127](#)

April 16, 2020

- **3:00 PM - Berrien County**, Harbor County Rotary @ Three Oaks American Legion, [204 W. Linden Street, Three Oaks, MI 49128](#)

April 23, 2020

- **4:00 PM - Berrien County**, Trinity Lutheran Church, [619 Main St, St. Joseph, MI 49085](#)

Distributions in Cass County

March 24, 2020

- **4:00 PM - Cass County**, ACTION Ministry Center @ Victory Tabernacle, [608 Middle Crossing Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047](#)

April 1, 2020

- **11:00 AM - Cass County**, Marcellus United Methodist Church, [197 W. Main Street, Marcellus, MI 49067](#)

April 2, 2020

- **4:00 PM - Cass County**, ACTION Ministry Center - 301 Main Street Dowagiac, [301 Main Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047](#)

April 17, 2020

- **11:00 AM - Cass County**, Marcellus United Methodist Church, [197 W. Main Street, Marcellus, MI 49067](#)

April 20, 2020

- **3:00 PM - Cass County**, The Bridge Academy @ Lyons Industries, [30000 M 62 W., Dowagiac, MI 49047](#)

April 21, 2020

- **3:00 PM - Cass County**, Hope Community Church, [2390 Lake St., Niles, MI 49120](#)

April 22, 2020

- **4:00 PM - Cass County**, ACTION Ministry Center @ The Church of Cassopolis, [520 Pearl St., Cassopolis, MI 49031](#)

Distributions in Van Buren County

March 30, 2020

- **1:00 PM - Van Buren County**, Gobles Kendall Area Ministerial Association @ Gobles United Methodist Church, [210 E. Exchange St., Gobles, MI 49055](#)



Disaster Relief Child Care Services for Michigan's Essential Workforce

For families in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties

YOUR COMMUNITY IS HERE TO HELP YOU!

If you are an essential worker and are in need of child care services for children ages birth -12, please visit www.helpmegrow-mi.org/essential or call 2-1-1 to receive support. Your request will be matched with a child care provider in your area where you can arrange priority services.



Who are Michigan's Essential Workers?

- Health care workers
- Home health workers
- Direct care workers
- Emergency medical service providers
- First responders
- Law enforcement personnel
- Sanitation workers
- Child care workers
- Personnel providing correctional services
- Postal workers
- Public health employees
- Key government employees
- Court personnel
- Utilities, manufacturing, mass transit, and groceries or other essential supplies, goods, or equipment employees
- Key government employees including child protective services workers, child welfare workers, foster care workers including those from contracted agencies
- Recipient rights workers
- Employees of the Executive Office of the Governor, cabinet officers and their designees
- Department of Health and Human Services field office staff
- Unemployment Insurance Agency employees
- Other employees identified by the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: Community, School, Healthcare and Governmental Leaders of VBCDHD Region

FROM: Van Buren/Cass District Health Department

DATE: March 20, 2020

Van Buren/Cass District Health Department Available for Emergency Dental Care
VBCDHD public health services remain open amid COVID-19 response

To protect the public's health and reduce the spread of COVID-19, Van/Buren Cass District Health Department has made temporary adjustments to public health services offered in Van Buren and Cass County.

Important updates to note:

- **ALL individuals visiting the Van Buren/Cass District Health Department will receive a health risk assessment (questionnaire) and temperature check prior to entering the building.**
- **All Community Dental Clinics are closed for preventive and restorative care** appointments and will tentatively reopen on Monday, April 6, 2020.
- **Emergency Dental Care is available at all three locations** [57418 CR 681, Hartford / 302 S. Front St., Dowagiac / 23200 Red Arrow Hwy.]. Individuals in need of care should call 800-210-1921 to schedule an appointment as hours may vary.
- All other public health services (immunizations; STD testing/treatment; CSHCS; TB contact investigations; water & septic inspections; and food permits) are operating as usual. Please visit www.vbcassdhd.org for information about how to access local public health services.

For general questions regarding COVID-19, individuals are encouraged to visit www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19 or call the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136, open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As you know, the COVID-19 outbreak is a fluid, rapidly evolving situation and we are regularly receiving ongoing guidance and information from MDHHS and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). We are committed to responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and providing our community, school, healthcare and governmental leaders with updated information so informed decisions can be made.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Elliott,
Health Officer/Administrator





PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

www.vbcassdhd.org 800.210.1921

RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

Van Buren Cass District Health Department phone (269) 621-3143; or visit our website: <https://vbcassdhd.org>

After Hours Contact for Public Health Emergency in Van Buren and Cass County:

- Van Buren County: Contact Van Buren County Sheriff Dispatch at 269-657-3101.
- Cass County: Contact Cass County Sheriff Dispatch at 269-445-1560

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Coronavirus, www.michigan.gov/coronavirus

Centers For Disease Control (CDC) Coronavirus, www.cdc.gov/coronavirus



Dowagiac 302 S. Front St. Dowagiac, MI 49047 | Hartford 57418 CR 681 Hartford, MI 49057

Mattawan 23200 Red Arrow Hwy Mattawan, MI 49071

COVID-19 RESOURCE GUIDE

For the latest orders, policies and information please visit
Indiana

<https://www.in.gov/coronavirus/>

Michigan

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2Findex.html

COVID-19 testing

Available by calling your health provider

Michigan hotline at 1-888-535-6136

Indiana hotline available at 877-826-0011

Michigan can email questions to Covid19@michigan.gov

Indiana can email questions to Epresource@isdh.in.gov

MDHHS

Apply online for Food, Medicaid, Daycare, utilities, etc by going online to www.Michigan.gov/MIbridges

You can also apply by Phone. Call the Food and Other Resources helpline at 1-888-544-8773

Lobbies are temporarily closed. For appointments or more information please call your specific county

office. Full county list: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_5461---,00.html

Berrien County MDHHS 269-934-2000

Cass County MDHHS 269-445-0200

Kalamazoo County MDHHS 269-337-4900

Van Buren County MDHHS 269-621-2800

Food Pantries

- Michigan Feeding American Free Food Trucks. Location and times available online at www.feedwm.org/findfood/
- Indiana Food Bank of Northern Indiana. Location and times available online at www.feedIndiana.org/
- Findafoodpantry.org
- <https://www.leaderpub.com/2020/03/21/food-pantries-revise-procedures-amid-covid-19-outbreak/>
Change in food pantries for Cass County Michigan

Resources and Referrals such as housing, food referrals, education, health care, counseling, etc.

- Michigan residents call 211, toll free 1-844-875-9211, visit online at www.mi211.org or by texting your zip code to 898211.
- Berrien County Michigan residents can visit www.help4her.org
- Indiana residents call 211, toll free 1-866-211-9966, visit online at www.in211.org or by texting your zip code to 898211.

Crisis Text Line

- Text HAND to 741741
- 24 hour Crisis line 1-800-336-0341

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255

Utilities/Housing

- Semco is temporarily suspending all disconnections due to non payment
- Indiana Michigan Power (AEP) is temporarily suspending all disconnections due to non payment
- Benton Harbor suspending all Water disconnections at this time
- South Bend is suspending water shut offs and late fees for at least 8 weeks
- Kalamazoo extending foreclosures for 2017 tax delinquencies. Contact 269-720-3246 or mibalk@kalcounty.com for more information
- All Michigan tax foreclosures being delayed until May 29th
<https://www.leaderpub.com/2020/03/21/deadline-extended-to-redeem-property-for-delinquent-taxes/>

Local Resource

Facebook Groups-**SWMI Mutual Aid**- for local offerings and assistance
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3137606989603526/?fref=nf>

Health and Medical Needs

Always call the number on your insurance card first. Some pharmacies may provide home delivery services.

- www.concordhealthsupply.com Medical supplies
- <https://www.diplomatpharmacy.com/> Online pharmacy
- <https://www.pharmacyadvantagerx.com/> Online pharmacy
- <https://www.uofmhealth.org/conditions-treatments/specialty-pharmacy-services> Specialty pharmacy offering mail orders
- www.walgreens.com: **Delivery fee waived for eligible prescriptions, Tuesdays 8-9AM for seniors citizens, their caregivers and immediate family**
- www.cvs.com: **Free prescription delivery, free essentials delivery (over \$35),**

Grocery Needs

Check these sites for hours, delivery and special hours for shoppers
Delivery Service can also be offered through many providers by checking

<https://www.instacart.com/>
<https://www.shipt.com/>

- <https://martins-supermarkets.com/> : T/Th 7-9AM for seniors and vulnerable populations
- <https://www.hardings.com/> : Wednesday's 8-10AM for seniors and vulnerable populations
- <https://sheltonfarms.com/> : No known changes, phone and online orders suspended
- <http://lowerysmeatandgrocery.com/> : Open 9AM-6PM, no phone orders
- <https://www.zicksmeats.com/> Specialty meats Online ordering with flat rate shipping available.
- <https://falatics.com/> Online Ordering and pick up offered
- <https://www.biglots.com/> : First hour for seniors and vulnerable populations
- <https://www.dollargeneral.com/> : First hour for seniors and vulnerable populations
- <https://www.target.com/> : First hour for seniors and vulnerable populations
- <https://www.meijer.com/> : T/Th 7-8AM for seniors and vulnerable populations, M/W 7-8AM for essential service workers
- <https://www.walmart.com/> :Wednesday one hour before open for ages 60+, includes pharmacy
- <https://www.aldi.us/> Some areas offer grocery delivery and limited hours.

- www.walgreens.com: Delivery fee waived for eligible prescriptions, Tuesdays 8-9AM for seniors citizens, their caregivers and immediate family
- www.cvs.com: Free prescription delivery, free essentials delivery (over \$35)

Internet Assistance

- Spectrum 844-488-8398 <https://www.spectrum.com/>
- Comcast/XFINITY Internet Essentials 855-846-8376 <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>
- Team Midwest 800-492-5989 <https://www.teammidwest.com/internet/residential-internet/>
- AT&T 855-220-5211 (Spanish 855-220-5225) <https://accessatt.solixcs.com/#/home>
- Frontier Communications 800-921-8101 or 866-868-0547 [Frontier](https://frontier.com/offer/affordable-broadband-chromebook)
<https://frontier.com/offer/affordable-broadband-chromebook>
- Additionally, contact your child's school district for additional resources for at home internet.

Legal Aid

- lawestmi.org/i-need-help Or by calling 888-783-8190
- <https://michiganlegalhelp.org/> Self Help Resources
- <https://www.indianalegalservices.org/> or by calling 844-243-8570

Unemployment

- Michigan- www.michigan.gov/UIA or by calling 1-866-500-0017
https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90640-521770--,00.html
- Indiana- <https://uplink.in.gov/CSS/CSSLogon.htm>
- Michigan expansion of Unemployment <https://wwmt.com/news/state/gov-whitmer-signs-order-to-expand-unemployment-benefits>
- Toolkit for MI UCB
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/uia/MiWAM_toolkit_for_Claimants_July_2019_662197_7.pdf
- Covid-19 Guide https://www.michigan.gov/documents/uia/160_-_Claiming_UI_Benefit_In_Michigan_-_Jan2014_444213_7.pdf

Job Opportunities

- <http://www.MITalent.org>

Many stores are currently hiring temporary employees through this period to assist with stocking and sanitation. Examples include:

- Meijer <https://jobs.meijer.com/>
- Kroger <https://jobs.kroger.com/>
- Tractor Supply TractorSupply.com
- Aldi <https://www.aldi.us/>

Additional places hiring

- Lyons Industries <http://lyonsindustries.com/careers/>

Business Resources

- <https://sbdcmichigan.org/> Offering free online sessions for small businesses affected by COVID-19

Daycare

- YMCA <https://www.ymcagm.org/locations/niles-buchanan-ymca>
<https://www.ymcagm.org/locations/benton-harbor-st-joseph-ymca>
<https://www.ymcagm.org/locations/south-bend-mishawaka-ymca>

For emergency childcare options in Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and Niles-Buchanan branches send email to Zach zhoyt@ymcagm.org

For emergency childcare options in South Bend and Mishawaka branches send email to Danielle dgarcia@michianaymca.org

- Michigan <http://greatstarttoquality.org/>
- Indiana <https://www.in.gov/fssa/childcarefinder/>
- www.care.com

Police Check-ins

Check-ins for children at home alone or with older siblings.

Locations: Bangor Email Policechief@bangormi.org your child(s) names, ages, parental contact information.

Hartford Call the non emergency number 269-621-3225
Dowagiac City limits. Email publicsafetydirector@dowagiac.org,
messaging the Dowagiac Police Department's Facebook page or calling (269) 782-9743.

Media Websites for Education

- Free Color books from 113 Museums <http://www.openculture.com/2019/02/download-free-coloring-books-from-113-museums.html?fbclid=IwAR0uSPJ9ztaurp5XZFi02goWRYtePejBP2xx-IN3tXOu9rUk-IO-JUJFEWw>
- Virtual Field Trips
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SvldgTx9djKO6SjyvPDsoGkkgE3iExmi3qh2KRRku_w/mobiledbasic?fbclid=IwAR1Tky8CWu1NmW-gCgkwoaAOVGizJeMCFPGqoK_h3d-5bJVeFwt0Yj9Gwel
- Literacy Program www.storyonline.net
- www.scholastic.com/learnathome Reading, Thinking and More
- www.khanacademy.org Signup required
- www.squigglepark.com Signup required
- www.mysterydoug.com Weekly Videos
- www.kids.nationalgeographic.com Games, Videos, Explore and More
- www.typingclub.com Typing Game
- www.historyforkids.net History Network
- www.starfall.com Teaching Children to Read
- www.highlightskids.com Activities, Jokes, Games and More
- www.abcya.com Fun with Games
- www.seussville.com Explore, Watch, Play and More
- www.reading.ecb.org Lesson Plans, Guides and More
- www.mel.org E Library
- <https://kzookids.com/challenge/> Daily Activities
- <https://busytoddler.com/> At Home Preschool Learning
- www.animalmonsterrobot.com Free Coloring Sheets
- www.teachingmama.org Playing, Creating and Learning at Home
- <https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html> Missions, Galleries and More
- <https://www.si.edu/learn-explore> Explore and Learn
- <https://pbskids.org/> Videos, Games and More
- <https://www.timeforkids.com/> Journalism Articles

- <https://www.mathplayground.com/> Math and Logic Games and Videos
- <https://www.google.com/earth/> Map of Earth
- <https://www.ted.com/talks> Videos and Talks on a variety of subjects
- <https://www.discoverymindblown.com/> Games, Episodes and More
- <https://www.indianamichiganpower.com/environment/FalconCam/default.aspx>
- <https://youtu.be/moA-8zN43qw> Olivia Grace & CO Weekly Videos
- www.smartschoolhouse.com Fun activities and more

Media Websites for Staying Fit at Home

- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOGt_lpceP_xQhhCMCrut_A/playlists
- <https://watch.lesmillsondemand.com/at-home-workouts>
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>
- <https://wmt.com/news/local/wmu-offers-free-online-fitness-classes-to-help-people-cope-with-stress> This article will link you to their Facebook page where classes are available for Free.

Michigan Small Business Relief Program: Grants

Goal: Provide immediate grant support for businesses hardest hit by COVID-19.

Funding: Michigan Small Business Relief Program

Funding Amount: \$10 million

Funding Availability: On or about April 1, 2020

Overview: Provide up to \$10 million in grant funding to one or more local economic development organizations or nonprofit economic development organizations to provide grants up to \$10,000 to support certain small businesses statewide that have realized a significant financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Amount per lead local economic development partner will be determined based on potential impact per region.

Eligible Businesses: Eligible Business means a business that:

- The company is in an industry outlined in Executive Order 2020-9, or any subsequent Executive Order of similar intent (“EO”), or demonstrates it is otherwise affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, that meets one or more of the following: provides support to impacted employees, is located in a downtown district or high impact corridor or has 50 employees or less, or is a company that provides services to companies outlined in the EO and requires additional employees to support to companies or employees impacted by EO;
- The company has 50 employees or less;
- The company needs working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses, or other similar expenses that occur in the ordinary course of business; and
- The company is able to demonstrate an income loss as a result of the EO, or the COVID-19 outbreak.

Eligible Uses: Grants may be used for working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses, or other similar expenses that occur in the ordinary course of business

Additional Information can be found online at michiganbusiness.org/covid19/

Michigan Small Business Relief Program: Loans

Goal:	Provide immediate small business loans to businesses immediately impacted by COVID-19.
Funding:	Michigan Small Business Relief Program
Funding Amount:	\$10 million
Funding Availability:	On or about April 1, 2020
Overview:	Provide up to \$10 million for small business loans to one or more Community Development Financial Institution (“CDFI”) or a licensed SBA not-for-profit institutions (“Eligible SBA Non-Profit”), or directly from the MSF to eligible borrowers to be used to provide low-interest loans with flexible repayment terms to support certain small businesses statewide that have realized a significant financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Loans to eligible borrowers must be \$50,000 or more and are capped at \$200,000.
Eligible Businesses:	<p>Eligible Business means a business that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The company is in an industry outlined in Executive Order 2020-9 (“EO”), or demonstrates it is otherwise affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, or is a company that provides goods and services to companies to the aforementioned;• The company has fewer than 100 employees;• The company needs working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses, or other similar expenses that occur in the ordinary course of business;• The company can demonstrate that it is unable to access credit through alternative sources;• The company can demonstrate an income loss of as a result of Executive Order 2020-9.
Eligible Uses:	Loans may be used for working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses, or other similar expenses that occur in the ordinary course of business.
Interest Rate:	.25% per annum
Term:	Interest only for 60 months following loan closing followed by a fully amortizing 60 month term

Repayment Terms: Repayment terms will be determined based on business need and are anticipated to be monthly interest only payments for the first 60 months following closing. Payments made in excess of interest due will be applied to principal. Once principal is repaid, it may not be redrawn. Payments of principal and interest will begin at 61 months following closing and will be paid monthly with all principal due to be repaid no later than 120 months following closing.

Additional Information can be found online at michiganbusiness.org/covid19/



Date: 03/17/2020

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
FACT SHEET – ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS
Incident: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Disaster Loan Assistance Soon to be Available to Michigan Small Businesses:

Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) – Working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period.

Credit Requirements:

- Credit History – Applicants must have a credit history acceptable to SBA.
- Repayment – Applicants must show the ability to repay the loan.
- Collateral – Collateral is required for all EIDL loans over \$25,000. SBA takes real estate as collateral when it is available. SBA will not decline a loan for lack of collateral, but SBA will require the borrower to pledge collateral that is available.

Interest Rates:

The interest rate is determined by formulas set by law and is fixed for the life of the loan. The maximum interest rate for this program is 4 percent.

Loan Terms:

The law authorizes loan terms up to a maximum of 30 years. SBA will determine an appropriate installment payment based on the financial condition of each borrower, which in turn will determine the loan term.

Loan Amount Limit:

The law limits EIDLs to \$2,000,000 for alleviating economic injury caused by the disaster. The actual amount of each loan is limited to the economic injury determined by SBA, less business interruption insurance and other recoveries up to the administrative lending limit. SBA also considers potential contributions that are available from the business and/or its owner(s) or affiliates. If a business is a major source of employment, SBA has the authority to waive the \$2,000,000 statutory limit.

Loan Eligibility Restrictions:

Noncompliance – Applicants who have not complied with the terms of previous SBA loans may not be eligible. This includes borrowers who did not maintain required flood insurance and/or hazard insurance on previous SBA loans.

Note: Loan applicants should check with agencies / organizations administering any grant or other assistance program under this declaration to determine how an approval of SBA disaster loan might affect their eligibility.

Refinancing:

Economic injury disaster loans cannot be used to refinance long-term debts.

Insurance Requirements:

To protect each borrower and the Agency, SBA may require you to obtain and maintain appropriate insurance. By law, borrowers whose damaged or collateral property is located in a special flood hazard area must purchase and maintain flood insurance. SBA requires that flood insurance coverage be the lesser of 1) the total of the disaster loan, 2) the insurable value of the property, or 3) the maximum insurance available.

When the Funding opens for Michigan: Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>

1. Critical Manufacturing Operations (DHS)

- Workers necessary for the manufacturing of materials and products needed for medical supply chains, transportation, energy, communications, food and agriculture, chemical manufacturing, nuclear facilities, the operation of dams, water and wastewater treatment, emergency services, and the defense industrial base. Additionally, workers needed to maintain the continuity of these manufacturing functions and associated supply chains.



If your company meets this designation, the Department of Homeland Security encourages you to continue operating and maintaining these essential functions. There are some immediate actions you can take:

- It is recommended that companies document this designation on their official letterhead and provide to all employees as soon as possible.

COVID-19 Announcement



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Dear Michigan employees and employers,

Governor Whitmer, in an effort to protect all Michiganders, today signed [Executive Order 2020-21](#) that directs residents to remain at home or in their place of residence to the maximum extent feasible. A [summary of her, "Stay Home, Stay Safe," Executive Order](#) is available online.

For purposes of this order, [critical infrastructure workers are those workers described by the Director of the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency in his guidance of March 19, 2020 on the COVID-19 response.](#)

Below you will find available resources for workers and employees affected by COVID-19. If you have questions related to the governor's order or the resources below, contact: LEO-Coronavirus@michigan.gov.

We will continue to do everything we can to provide economic relief to employees and businesses affected by COVID-19.

Jeff Donofrio,
Director

For Workers

Filing for Unemployment Benefits

Eligible employees are strongly encouraged to apply for unemployment benefits online at Michigan.gov/UIA or by calling 866-500-0017. A [factsheet on how to apply for benefits](#) can also be found online.

Governor Whitmer's [Executive Order 2020-10](#) expands unemployment benefits to:

- **Sick Workers:** Workers who are sick, quarantined, or immunocompromised and who do not have access to paid family and medical leave or are laid off.
- **Workers Caring for Loved Ones:** Workers who have an unanticipated family care responsibility, including those who have childcare responsibilities due to school closures, or those who are forced to care for loved ones who become ill and who do not have access to paid family and medical leave or are laid off
- **First responders:** Individuals working in the public health community who become ill or are quarantined due to exposure to COVID-19 and who do not have access to paid family and medical leave or are laid off.

The [governor's order](#) also extends access to benefits for unemployed workers:

- **Increased Weeks:** Benefits will be increased from 20 to 26 weeks.
- **Longer Application Time:** The application eligibility period will be increased from 14 to 28 days.
- **Fewer Requirements:** The in-person registration and work search requirements will be suspended.

Visit the Unemployment Insurance Agency website for:

[Unemployment Resources for Employees](#)

[Employee Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Self-Employed Workers

The State is also seeking solutions for self-employed workers and independent contractors who traditionally do not have access to unemployment insurance. The governor has requested that President Trump issue a Major Disaster Declaration so that Individual Assistance and Disaster Unemployment Assistance through FEMA may be made available to additional Michiganders affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Employers

Work Share

Employers are encouraged to implement the State's Work Share program that permits employers who may be facing maintain business operations during declines in regular activity instead of laying off workers. The program allows employers to keep their employees working with reduced hours, while employees collect partial unemployment benefits to make up a portion of the lost wages. More information about Work Share is available online at www.michigan.gov/WorkShare.

Visit the Unemployment Insurance Agency website for:

[Unemployment Resources for Employers](#)

[Employer Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Unpaid Leave vs. Termination

Due to the uncertainty regarding potential congressional action regarding whether furloughed

workers will be able to access federal resources, employers are urged to place employees on temporary leave as opposed to termination. [View the State's guidance for employers contemplating potential layoffs.](#)

Capital Resources for Employers

Business Call Centers

The MEDC's call center stands ready to support businesses with questions about assistance available to small business through existing state programs by calling 888.522.0103. The Michigan Small Business Development Center can also provide resources at <https://sbdcmichigan.org/small-business-covid19/>.

Small Business Association Loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved the governor's request for a statewide Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration, opening the opportunity to small businesses to access low-interest loans from the SBA.

Michigan small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, and nonprofits that have suffered substantial economic losses as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak can now apply for low-interest loans as part of \$1 billion in funding. The application for disaster loan assistance is available at: disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/.

Michigan Small Business Relief Program The Michigan Strategic Fund approved the [Michigan Small Business Relief Program](#) which authorizes the MEDC provide up to \$20 million in support for small businesses. The funding is divided between \$10 million in small business grants and \$10 million in small business loans to support businesses facing drastic reductions in cash flow and the continued support of their workforce. [The \\$10 million in grant funding](#) will be provided to local or nonprofit economic development organizations throughout the state to provide grants up to \$10,000 each to support certain small businesses that have realized a significant financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 virus. For more information visit, michiganbusiness.org/covid19

Tax Assistance for Small Businesses The Michigan Treasury Department is providing small businesses that have experienced disrupted operations due to the COVID-19 additional time to make their sales, use and withholding tax monthly payment. Small businesses scheduled to make these payments on March 20 can postpone filing and payment requirements until April 20. Penalties and interest penalties will be waived for 30 days. [Learn more about penalties and interest online](#) or by calling the Treasury Business Tax Call Center at 517-636-6925.

Ongoing Updates

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

The above resources and more can be found on the Michigan Coronavirus website, under [Employer and Employee resources](#).

Business Pulse Survey

This is a challenging time for everyone in our region, particularly our major employers. So that the Michigan Works! team can continue to advocate on your behalf and make sure that our business community and region are getting the resources we need to navigate this crisis, we have put together a short survey.

We will be sending this out on a week by week basis so as to keep our data relevant and reflective of the situation on the ground locally.

We would encourage you to share this survey with any businesses in the tri county area and with fellow members of your local chambers of commerce.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to Paul Brohman (brohmanp@kinexus.org) or Mark O'Reilly (oreillym@kinexus.org).

Please click on the link to take the survey : [Survey Link](#)