



COVID-19



HEALTH
Department

Interim Guidance for Schools, Businesses, and Non-Profits

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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?

- Listening to weekly 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 for 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](#)

