

This meeting is for School and Health Department Staff

We have limited time to cover all our topics. The slides and recordings will be available on our websites within 1-3 days.

- <https://www.dhd10.org/coronavirus/>
- <https://www.mmdhd.org/novel-coronavirus/>
- <https://www.cmdhd.org/novel-coronavirus>

If you have questions, please send them to:

- For Roscommon, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, Arenac, Isabella Counties:
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- For Missaukee, Crawford, Kalkaska, Wexford, Lake, Mason, Manistee, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta Counties
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- For Montcalm, Gratiot, Clinton Counties
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Back to School 2020-2021 Update September 24

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Please make sure all needed information is getting passed to school secretaries, nurses, etc.

Review of Data



Counties where symptomatic students should have evaluation prior to return to school*

- Gladwin
- Isabella
- Osceola
- Roscommon
- Crawford
- Kalkaska
- Mason
- Mecosta
- Newaygo
- Oceana
- Wexford
- Clinton
- Gratiot
- Montcalm

*Also should have evaluation if any concern for exposure to COVID-19, or at the discretion of the school or family

General

- Have all contractors/visitors sign in
 - *Reminder: per EO 142 “Require the closure of school buildings to anyone except: District employees or contractors necessary to conduct minimum basic school operations consistent with a Preparedness Plan, including those employers or contractors necessary to facilitate alternative modes of instruction, such as distributing materials and equipment, or performing other necessary in-person functions.”*
 - EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2020-175 Safeguards to protect Michigan’s workers from COVID-19 https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-538728--,00.html
 - All: When an employee is identified with a confirmed case of COVID-19: Within 24 hours, notify any co-workers, contractors, or suppliers who may have come into contact with the person with a confirmed case of COVID-19
 - Offices: Notify employees if the employer learns that an individual (including a customer, supplier, or visitor) with a confirmed case of COVID-19 has visited the office.



NEWS RELEASE

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

MDARD Reminding Schools, Businesses to Only Use EPA-approved Disinfectants *List available on the EPA [website](#)*

LANSING, MICH. Cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting have become part of the fabric of Michigander's daily lives as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. But not all disinfectants are the same. Today, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is reminding schools, businesses and consumers to only use products found on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) [List N](#). All products on this list meet [EPA's criteria](#) for use against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

"Disinfecting is a critical step in preventing and reducing the spread of viruses, bacteria, including SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus causing COVID-19," said Brian Verhougstraete, MDARD's Pesticide Section Manager. "Always remember that you are required by state and federal law to follow the label when using disinfectants. This includes safe use of the disinfectant, the types of approved surfaces an adhering to the contact time, which is the amount of time the surface should be visibly wet."

Disinfectants are considered pesticides by law and are regulated by MDARD and the EPA. Complying with pesticide use laws can help provide a safe and healthy environment for the workplace, the public, and schools. As some school districts return to in-person instruction, it's important that districts ensure they have developed and are following an [integrated pest management \(IPM\)](#) plan.

"All Michigan school districts, including charter and private schools, are required to implement a MDARD-approved IPM program. Following an approved IPM plan, school districts can safely use a variety of tools and techniques to reduce the spread of diseases like COVID-19," added Verhougstraete.

MDARD reminds school districts to:

- Use EPA-registered disinfectants and follow all label directions.
- Do not use disinfectant as hand wipes or in place of sanitizers.
- Keep out of reach of students, children should not use disinfectants.
- Avoid touching wet surfaces and always wash hands after use.
- Keep the surface wet for the required contact time. The contact time is the amount of time a surface must remain wet to work. If using disinfectant wipes, multiple wipes may be required.
- Keep lids tightly closed and out of reach from children when not in use.

Reminder from MDARD: Use EPA approved Disinfectants

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2-covid-19>

Activities (Homecoming, dances, etc.)

- No. 2020-142 Provision of preK–12 education for the 2020–2021 school year https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-533311--,00.html
 - Prohibit indoor assemblies that bring together students from more than one classroom.
- “Organized event” rule of EO 176 https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-538730--,00.html
 - Also see the FAQ at https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-538942--,00.html
 - Q: What is a "social gathering" or "organized event"?
 - A: A social gathering or organized event is one that brings together persons from multiple households at the same time for a discrete, shared or group experience in a single room, space, or place such as a private home, park, auditorium, stadium, arena, conference room, meeting hall, or other indoor or outdoor space.
 - These limitations on group size do not generally apply to preK-12 schools or day or summer camps, whose rules regarding regular attendance and participation are instead governed by Executive Order 2020-142 on public education and guidance issued by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. **These limitations do apply, however, to organized events that may occur in such settings, such as assemblies.**
- Gatherings, events, and large venues.
 - *Except in Regions 6 and 8 (see section 8), social gatherings and organized events among persons not part of the same household are permitted provided that organizers and venues ensure that:*
 - *Persons not part of the same household maintain six feet of distance from one another, including by designing the gathering or event to encourage and maintain social distancing;*
 - *If a gathering or event is indoors, it does not exceed 10 people; and*
 - *If a gathering or event is outdoors, it does not exceed 100 people.*

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- Regions 6 and 8.

- Arranges the venue such that persons not part of the same household may maintain six feet of distance from one another at all times while in the venue; and
- Limits the number of people in the venue to 25% of its maximum capacity or to 250, whichever is smaller. For purposes of this order, each separate auditorium or screening room is a separate venue.
- In Regions 6 and 8, and notwithstanding the restrictions in subsection (a) of this section, an outdoor concert space, race track, sports arena, stadium, or similar outdoor venue may be open to spectators or patrons provided that it:
 - Arranges the venue such that persons not part of the same household may maintain six feet of distance from one another at all times while in the venue; and
 - Limits the number of people in the venue to 25% of its maximum capacity or to 500, whichever is smaller.

Halloween

- CDC holiday celebrations guidance <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>
- Moderate risk:
 - *Grab and go trick or treating (leaving individual wrapped goodie bags at the end of the driveway/edge of yard)*
 - *Small outdoor costume parade*
 - *Outdoor, one-way haunted forest*
- Higher risk:
 - *Traditional trick or treating (door to door)*
 - *Trunk or treating*
 - *Indoor costume parties that are crowded*
 - *Crowded indoor haunted houses*
 - *Hayrides/tractor rides with non-family members*

Outbreaks and closing due to illness (general)

- Review "Managing Communicable Disease in Schools"

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/Managing_CD_in_Schools_FINAL_469824_7.PDF

- All outbreaks of suspected or confirmed communicable diseases are immediately reportable to your LHD. An outbreak is defined as any increase in a certain type of illness.
 - *Your LHD can assist in determining if an outbreak is occurring in the school. Even in the absence of closing a school, families should be notified about any outbreak.*
- Most gastrointestinal or respiratory illness outbreaks will not necessitate school closure. However, there are some instances where closure may be recommended for disinfection or other mitigation actions.
 - *Consult with your LHD for outbreak-specific recommendations.*
 - *School closures due to illness should be reported immediately to your LHD regardless of whether it is an outbreak of one disease, a closure due to a variety of illnesses, or a closure due to staff illnesses.*

General

Governor's office recommended talking to schools about proper flushing of their water systems

- SCHOOL BUILDING FLUSHING BEST PRACTICES (FRESH TAP METHOD)
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/egle-dwehd-school_building_fresh_tap_flushing_method_698896_7.pdf
- EPA: Establishing Routine Practices for Schools and Child Care
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-09/documents/module_6_establishing_routine_practices_508.pdf
- School Drinking Water Program https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313_3675_3691-474608--,00.html

Meetings

- Continue weekly? Go to every other week?

Questions?

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