



## Internal Memo

May 14, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mark C. Meyers, City Administrator *MEM*

SUBJECT: General Information Packet

Attached are general items of information you may find interesting. If you have any questions or comments regarding the information, please contact me.

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## Internal Memo

May 13, 2020

TO: All Employees

FROM: Anthony Chandler, Director of Administrative Services *AC*

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Employee Exposure Control Plan

City of Norton Shores Employees,

We have been successful enduring the Governor's Executive Order to "Stay Home, Stay Safe" and the numerous extensions dating back to March 13. **On Monday, May 18**, all full-time employees will report to work under the restrictions specified below.

In an effort to further protect employee health, all employees will adhere to the following general practices beginning Monday, May 18:

- Maintain sanitizing of personal work areas, hygiene practices, and other standard cleaning practices.
  - Wash hands frequently and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds.
  - Use of hand sanitizer with a minimum 60% alcohol content.
  - Cover sneezes and coughing with tissues or use your inside elbow.
  - Resist any touching of your eyes, nose and mouth.
  - Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (door handles, light switches, arm rests, tables and counters, desks and any work station hard surface, phones, vehicle door handles, steering wheel, shifters, and any other commonly touched area.
- Employees continue to conduct self-screening protocol by tracking symptoms associated with COVID-19 and completing the self-monitoring form when reporting to work.
- Employees who feel ill, please stay home and report your symptoms to Supervisor.
  - Avoid any contact with others that are feeling sick.
- Maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from the public and other employees unless it is a direct safety hazard to the job you are performing.
  - Face to face meetings are suspended during physical distancing orders unless it involves departmental meetings or required employee training.

City Facilities will remain closed to the public through May 31.

**City facilities will re-open to the public on/or around Monday, June 1.**

In an effort to further protect employee health, all employees will adhere to the following general practices beginning on/or around Monday, June 1:

- Customer service points will be open for in-person service.
- Employees must wear facemasks when assisting in-person customers other than at service windows.
- Employees must wear facemasks in common areas (e.g., hallways and restroom) where the general public is present.
- Sanitization practices will continue.
- Physical distancing of at least six feet will continue.
- When possible, no more than one person in a city vehicle.

As always, please continue to follow the guidelines provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and keep yourself and family members healthy.

Please contact the Office of City Administrator, Mark C. Meyers at (231) 798-4391 with any questions regarding the operational changes listed above. We appreciate our residents and visitors understanding as we work together to reduce exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

Stay Healthy!

## Mark Meyers

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**From:** Inside 208 <donotreply@wordpress.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:40 PM  
**To:** Mark Meyers  
**Subject:** [New post] Federal Call to Action: House Releases \$3 Trillion Stimulus Plan, Includes \$375 In Direct Aid to Local Government

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John LaMacchia II posted: "House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has released the Heroes Act (HR 6800). It is \$3 trillion stimulus plan that would send nearly a trillion dollars to state and local governments. The most significant portion of this proposal is that it would allocate \$375 billion"

## New post on Inside 208



### [Federal Call to Action: House Releases \\$3 Trillion Stimulus Plan, Includes \\$375 In Direct Aid to Local Government](#)

by [John LaMacchia II](#)

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has released the Heroes Act ([HR 6800](#)). It is \$3 trillion stimulus plan that would send nearly a trillion dollars to state and local governments. The most significant portion of this proposal is that it would allocate \$375 billion in direct assistance to local governments of all sizes to address the fiscal impacts from the public health emergency caused by the coronavirus.

#### Local governments – \$375 billion

- \$250 billion awarded within 30 days of enactment to all municipalities and counties
  - \$125 billion to municipalities using a modified CDBG formula
    - \$87.5 billion to entitlement municipalities
    - \$37.5 billion to non-entitlement municipalities. These funds will be awarded to states, which must make awards to non-entitlement cities based solely on population within 30 days of receipt.
  - \$125 billion to counties based on population
- \$125 billion awarded one year after the date of enactment to all municipalities and counties
  - \$62.5 billion to municipalities using a modified CDBG formula
    - \$43.75 billion to entitlement municipalities
    - \$18.75 billion to non-entitlement municipalities. These funds will be awarded to states, which must make awards to non-entitlement cities based solely on population within 30 days of receipt.

- o o \$62.5 billion to counties based on population

Additionally, states would receive \$500 billion in aid to deal with the affects of COVID-19. For a full summary of the bill please [click here](#). For a summary of the state and local allocation please click on the following link. [Heroes Act State and Local Relief Funds Summary](#)

### Call To Action!

In anticipation of the federal government beginning this conversation, the League has reached out to each member of the Michigan delegation asking them to go on record supporting direct assistance to all local governments in Michigan. Now it is time for you to help us weigh in!

We have partnered with the National League of Cities on their "[Cities are Essential](#)" campaign. This campaign is calling for \$500 billion in direct federal aid and economic relief to support communities on the frontline of America's response to COVID-19. The House released plan is recognition that our messaging on supporting local government is making a difference and we need to continue our advocacy on this issue.

We encourage each one of our members to reach out directly to their member of congress and ask them to support this effort to provide flexible direct assistance to communities of all sizes in Michigan. You can also utilize the action tool through the "Cities are Essential" campaign by [clicking here](#). This will allow you to send a letter directly to your congressperson, download a letter of support you can sign and even send your congressperson a tweet!

It is anticipated that the House will vote as soon as this Friday so please reach out as soon as possible. Thank you for your support and stay healthy!

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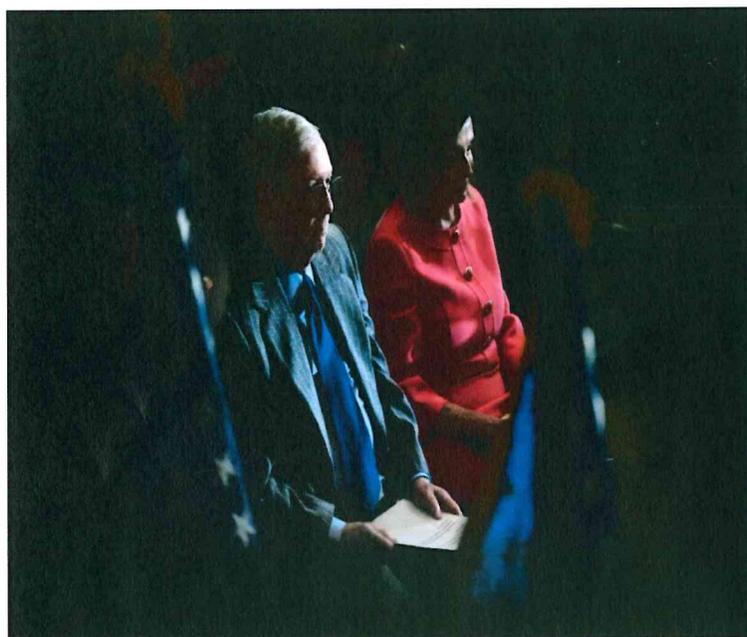
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## Democrats accuse Republicans of 'bad faith' as they invoke national debt to pause pandemic aid

Sahil Kapur 2 hrs ago

WASHINGTON — Top Republicans are evoking concerns about the rising national debt to pump the brakes on coronavirus relief and Democrats are crying foul.



© Matt McClain Image: Mitch McConnell

The latest back-and-forth comes as House Democrats eye a vote as early as Friday on a \$3 trillion package that includes aid to state and local governments, assistance for essential workers, an extension of unemployment benefits beyond July and another round of direct payments for families.

"We're taking a look at what we've already done — we've



added about \$3 trillion to the national debt — and assessing the effectiveness of that before deciding to go forward," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told reporters on Tuesday. "If we reach a decision along with the administration to move to another phase, that'll be the time to interact with the Democrats."

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He said the House bill "is not something designed to deal with reality but designed to deal with aspirations — this is not a time for aspirational legislation."

The U.S. budget deficit is projected to rise to a record \$3.7 trillion in fiscal year 2020, according to the Congressional Budget Office, although the U.S. continues to borrow at record-low interest rates.

Democrats say Republicans are using the issue now as a pretext to reject additional relief, arguing that they weren't concerned about the debt when passing the \$1.9 trillion tax law or other coronavirus aid measures that helped businesses.

"Well, it's interesting to see what they're saying, becoming now, renewing their fiscal hawk positions that they can barely remember. I have confidence in going big with what we do," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Monday on MSNBC's "All In with Chris Hayes."

"When I saw them give a \$2 trillion addition to the national debt in order to give 83 percent of the benefits to the top one percent, that was so irresponsible in terms of it did nothing for the economy except heap mountains of debt on our children," she said.

The budget deficit fell sharply under Barack Obama's presidency amid demands from congressional Republicans. But it rose by hundreds of billions of dollars after the GOP took control in 2017 and passed tax cuts and struck deals to increase spending.

The clash comes as Democrats' new legislation, which is backed by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., includes nearly \$1 trillion in aid to state and local governments to cover expenses related to the coronavirus and pay health workers and teachers. McConnell and other Republicans have used the growing debt to pour cold water on that push.

On the Senate floor Wednesday, Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., sounded the alarm about the fiscal situation as he railed against "bailing out" states facing budget woes during the pandemic.



"Our national debt and deficits — already at unsustainable levels — have skyrocketed as Congress has spent almost \$3 trillion to address this crisis," Scott said. "At some point, we need to start thinking about the impact this spending will have on our country's financial future and the future of our children and grandchildren."

The battle is less partisan among governors.

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"As Congress reconvenes, delivering urgent state fiscal relief must be a top priority. Each day that Congress fails to act, states are being forced to make cuts that will devastate the essential services the American people rely on and destroy the economic recovery before it even gets off the ground," Republican Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and Democratic New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said in a joint statement Wednesday. "This is not a red state or blue state crisis. This is a red white and blue pandemic. The coronavirus is apolitical."

Republicans are digging in their heels less than six months before an election that will shape the U.S. recovery from the coronavirus, and foreshadows political roadblocks that apparent Democratic nominee Joe Biden would have to deal with if he's elected president. The outcome will affect whether the country pursues fiscal restraint or major stimulus efforts to recover from the coronavirus calamity.

A task force announced Wednesday by Biden and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., includes some figures who have downplayed the deficit in pursuit of national goals: Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y. and Stephanie Kelton, an economics and public policy professor at Stony Brook University. The task force features progressives and moderates who will recommend policy to the Biden campaign and Democratic National Committee.

Ocasio-Cortez said Democrats should ignore GOP debt warnings.

"It's absolutely a bad faith argument," the New York congresswoman told NBC News in an interview. "They were not concerned about the deficit when they wanted half a trillion dollars that would be leveraged into \$4 trillion for Wall Street and their donor buddies. And honestly, you know what? If they are that concerned about the deficit, I'm happy to meet them halfway and roll back the \$2 trillion tax cut that they passed just two years ago."

"Aside from that, they don't get to just start whining about the deficit the moment we actually get on the cusp of helping working people," she said.

#### MICROSOFT NEWS POLL



To what extent do you agree or disagree with the Democratic argument that Republicans are acting in "bad faith" by invoking the national debt as a reason to pause any future coronavirus relief funding?

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 11, 2020  
TO: Muskegon County residents  
FROM: Rich Warner, Director of Emergency Services  
SUBJECT: FEMA Flood Funding

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On April 30, 2020, Muskegon County experienced extensive flooding due to rainfall. The Emergency Services department has been communicating with various agencies including the State, FEMA, and Small Business Administration (SBA) to find a resolution for the residents affected.

In conversations with FEMA, it is required to have \$15 million dollars in damage to qualify for funding. We currently do not meet the \$15 million dollar requirement.

The SBA disaster declaration is dependent upon meeting the following criteria as stated in CFR 2019 Section 123(3)(i), *"In any county or other smaller political subdivision of a State or U.S. possession, at least 25 homes or 25 businesses, or a combination of at least 25 homes, businesses, or other eligible institutions, each sustain uninsured losses of 40 percent or more of the estimated fair replacement value or predisaster fair market value of the damaged property, whichever is lower."* For example, if a home has \$100,000 worth of damage that is NOT covered under their home owners' insurance policy, the SBA will **loan** them up to 40% of that uncovered cost. To date, a total of 23 residents from Egelston Township, Fruitport Township, Muskegon Township, Norton Shores, Twin Lake, and Whitehall have contacted the Emergency Services office, many of which are not interested in acquiring a loan, which in turn reduces the number of affected properties.

The Emergency Services department will continue to pursue more information to help the residents in the affected areas. If any new funding resources are found, Emergency Services will contact the residents that have contacted Emergency Services.

## Mark Meyers

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**From:** Warner, Richard <WarnerRi@co.muskegon.mi.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 11:06 AM  
**To:** Alicia Guikema; Anita; Arianna Durbin; Becky Painter; Brittany Gee; Bruce Dobben; Chris McPheron; Chris Tanis; Cindy Brady; Connie Maxim-sparrow; Daniel Barmes; David & Sylvia Moulds; Janese Herrygers; Jes Wood; Joni Thompson; Josh Lanore; Julie Kolbe; Katie Friar; Kelli Clock; Linda Aerts; Marianna Plamondon; Mark Meyers; Michelle Stone; r springs; Rikki Smith; Shuana Ingersoll; T Collett; Talitha Van Kampen; Toni Pruitt; Vern Al; Wendy Dilling-Riegler  
**Cc:** Eisenbarth, Mark  
**Subject:** Flood damage information  
**Attachments:** Flooding information letter.pdf

When an event like this happens we normally only have 72 hours to gather the information (addresses of effected properties) and send it up to the state to start the Local Declaration Process. We were able to get an additional 72 hours due to the current situation. As of mid-night of May 7<sup>th</sup> we only had 23 home owners contact my office. I would like to thank everyone that contacted my office. I will continue to try to find some type of assistance for all of you.

Richard Warner

### Richard Warner

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# Some Art Van Furniture stores could reopen under a new name

JC Reindl, Detroit Free Press Published 5:25 p.m. ET May 11, 2020 | Updated 11:12 a.m. ET May 12, 2020



A private-equity firm in Texas is poised to buy 17 Michigan locations of shuttered and bankrupt Art Van Furniture and may reopen the stores under a new name and rehire some of their laid-off employees.

A U.S. bankruptcy judge late last week approved the \$6.9-million deal, which includes 10 additional Art Van and Levin and Wolf furniture locations outside Michigan. The sale is expected to close sometime this week and, altogether, involves the purchase of inventory and assets for 27 leased store locations in six states, according to court documents.

The deal doesn't include those stores' real estate, most of which was sold off in 2017 as part of the Van Elslander family's \$612.5 million sale of their metro Detroit-based furniture company to private-equity firm Thomas H. Lee Partners of Boston.

Several stores in the deal are located in such metro Detroit cities as Warren, Livonia, Royal Oak and Taylor, among others.

The new prospective buyer is a limited liability company controlled by Dallas-based private-equity firm US Assets Inc. US Assets was started in 2014 by a Texan named John Love "with the purpose of purchasing existing companies by providing fresh capital, increased liquidity and monetization of existing assets," according to the company's website.

Court documents say the company could rehire employees for the 27 locations. The locations represent about 20% of the store footprint for Art Van and its Levin and Wolf furniture stores.

The US Assets Facebook page says it is preparing to open a new business called Loves Furniture. The announcement, first reported by trade journal Furniture Today, doesn't say whether Loves Furniture will be a rebranding of former Art Van stores.

The company did not respond Monday to a message seeking comment. Art Van's court-appointed bankruptcy trustee also didn't respond to comment requests.

US Assets' website says it typically invests in lower- and middle-market businesses with between \$5 million and \$50 million in pre-tax earnings. It reports an eclectic mix of portfolio companies, including a chain of urgent care centers, a large dirt biking and off-roading park in Texas, the Penguin Point chicken and burger chain in Indiana and an Arizona dog grooming and boarding business.

Art Van Furniture filed for Chapter 11 reorganization bankruptcy on March 9 and the case later converted into a Chapter 7 liquidation. All of its 169 locations in multiple states closed, and about 1,000 Michigan employees were laid off.

Art Van stopped its liquidation sales the weekend of March 21 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Since then, numerous customers have made complaints online and to the Free Press about having paid for merchandise during the going-out-of-business sales, but never receiving it.

Excluded from the pending sale is any furniture inside the stores that Art Van sold to customers during its going-out-of-business sale. It was unclear Monday whether any effort would be made to allow the customers to retrieve the merchandise.

Crain's Detroit reported in March that Gary Van Elslander, a son of Art Van founder Archie Van Elslander, had submitted a bid to the bankruptcy court for the Art Van brand name and trademark. A representative for the Van Elslander family did not return a message Monday regarding the status of that bid.

The 17 Michigan locations in the pending sale are:

- Taylor store
- Royal Oak store
- 8 Mile location in Warren
- Livonia store
- Waterford Store
- Saginaw store
- Burton store
- Bay City store
- Portage store
- Shelby Township store
- Westland store
- Ann Arbor store
- Port Huron store
- Howell store
- Muskegon store
- Battle Creek
- Petoskey store

The other 10 Art Van or Levin and Wolf locations are in:

- Schaumburg, Illinois
- Woodward, Illinois
- Columbus, Ohio
- McMurray, Pennsylvania
- Pittsburgh
- Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- Altoona, Pennsylvania
- Leesburg, Virginia
- Mr. Pleasant, Pennsylvania
- Towson, Maryland



# Michigan launches coronavirus contact tracing. Here's what you need to know.

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May 9, 2020 Written by: Kelly House, Riley Beggin

Successfully reopening Michigan's economy requires government officials to know who has COVID-19 — and who they could have spread it to.

Without that, health experts say reopening the state may be a major gamble marked by waves of new infections spread by people who don't yet know they're sick.

As Gov. Gretchen Whitmer begins gradually loosening restrictions on residents' movement, Michigan and other states are building armies of volunteer health investigators to monitor movements of those who have the illness.

"That's really the best and only way to contain this virus quickly," Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun said Thursday.

A common practice among health officials during outbreaks of sexually transmitted diseases and other illnesses, contact tracing is less well known to the public. That's bound to change in the age of the coronavirus, as the federal government has allocated \$11 billion to states for a host of testing programs including what likely will be the largest contact tracing effort in history.

Until a vaccine is widely available — 2021 at the earliest — contact tracing is key to containing the coronavirus without issuing blanket stay-home orders, said Josh Petrie, an epidemiologist at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

"You're limiting your restrictions to those who are infected, so you're not having to lock down the whole population," he said.

Michigan officials aren't yet sure how much the state expects to receive for its program but the state's 3,500 contact tracing volunteers have already begun working with local health departments that primarily lead the effort. The state may hire more professional tracers to do the disease-tracing technique, which is time tested, labor intensive and often raises concerns about privacy.

In some other nations, contact tracing involves phone-based apps that track movements of COVID-19 patients. They likely won't be used in Michigan and most U.S. states, but the effort still involves gathering troves of data on patients and those with whom they have come into contact.

And before it started, Michigan's effort raised controversy when state officials last month canceled a contract with a Democratically-aligned firm hired to manage the state's contact tracing volunteers after Republicans decried the deal over concerns that patient data could be given to campaigns.

The state announced Saturday that it had signed a more than \$1 million contract on May 3 with Rock Connections, a call center company that is part of Detroit billionaire Dan Gilbert's business group.

Here's a crash course on contact tracing, the issues surrounding it and why it's so vital to get it right to stop the spread of COVID-19.

What is contact tracing?

It's essentially public health detective work.

Every day, thousands of Michiganders are tested for COVID-19. After testing, labs send results to local health authorities who follow up on new positive cases in their community.

The first step is contacting COVID-positive patients, asking them to isolate at home and quizzing them on recent activities and the identity of recent close contacts. Because Michiganders' social circles have shrunk dramatically under the statewide stay-home order, building that contact list is fairly easy.

But once Michigan's economy reopens, the job will become far harder, said Erin Johnson, disease control and prevention program supervisor at the Grand Traverse County Health Department.

"One person could have 30 contacts you're trying to follow up with," Johnson said.

What is a close contact? It's not standing in line at the grocery store next to a COVID-positive shopper, said Doreen Byrne, communicable disease coordinator at the District Health Department 10, which covers 10 counties in the northwestern Lower Peninsula.

But chatting with a fellow shopper without wearing a mask? Maybe.

"They've got to be close to someone who was positive — within 6 feet — for 10 to 15 minutes in a small area," Byrne said.

Once they have a list of recent contacts who may have been exposed to the disease, tracers set about contacting each person on the list to request that they, too, go into quarantine for 14 days.

Throughout that time, tracers are in regular contact with the quarantined people, asking questions about their health and potentially their other needs such as help with groceries.

"I tell everybody, you shouldn't leave your house unless it's on fire, or you need medical attention, or there's a flood," said Christina Zilke, a Washtenaw County Health Department nurse who has been working as a contact tracer.

If a quarantined person starts to develop symptoms, tracers launch a new round of investigation to identify anyone they may have infected within their social circle.

Multimillion dollar effort

Continuing to contain the virus once the economy reopens will take "a massive expansion of professionals and trained volunteers," according to the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

The association recommends a ratio of 30 contact tracers for every 100,000 people. In Michigan, that translates into just under 3,000 workers.

For now, Michigan's contact tracing capacity is limited to staff and volunteers at local health departments, along with 130 state workers, said Jonathan Warsh, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services chief of staff who is leading the state's contact tracing efforts.

But the state has tapped into a database of more than 7,000 unpaid volunteers, around 3,500 of whom have been trained in tracing and can start work when needed.

Other states are making similar plans. New York plans as many as 17,000 tracers, while Ohio will deploy 1,750 in partnership with local health departments and Indiana will contract with a private company to staff a call center with 500.

Michigan also could eventually hire contact tracers. Massachusetts, a state with 3 million fewer residents than Michigan, spent around \$44 million hiring 1,000 people to do contact tracing over the coming months.

Warsh said that's a comparable cost to what Michigan could expect to spend.

Michigan's need for tracers will largely depend on the success of social distancing measures. If the coronavirus becomes widespread in communities, "it's just impossible to trace everyone," said Petrie, the U-M epidemiologist.

That's been Detroit's experience. Although the city's daily rate of new confirmed cases has waned, the virus is still so widespread that local public health officials are not conducting contact tracing among the general population.

Instead, Detroit Health Department spokesperson Vickie Winn said, the city's epidemiologists are focusing their efforts on nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

Winn said the department will tap into the state's volunteer workforce once those volunteers are available to help. It's not clear when that will be.

#### Deploying the army

As with the shortages of PPE, ventilators, testing supplies and more, the fact that everyone is experiencing the virus at the same time is posing a unique challenge, Warsh said.

"Normally states have the ability to surge support to one another," he said. "But everybody has to contact trace now."

The 3,500 volunteers who have been trained to help out have only recently begun working.

That's partly because the state only this week secured a contract with an outside entity capable of managing the massive volunteer workforce. The state announced Saturday that Detroit-based Rock Connections, LLC will manage volunteers, and Deloitte will manage technology for the tracing program.

The state lost ground on its effort to get a contact tracing program up and running after it canceled an earlier no-bid, \$194,250 contract with Great Lakes Community Engagement to manage the volunteers.

The campaign outreach company is connected to a Grand Rapids-based firm owned by Democratic strategist Mike Kolehuse, according to state business records. The company was planning to use EveryAction, data collection software from a tech vendor for progressive campaigns, NGP VAN.

Whitmer, herself a Democrat, canceled the contract after Republicans objected. Attorney General Dana Nessel is now investigating.

The uproar over the contract highlighted privacy concerns about contact tracing, since it involves collecting massive amounts of data about people with illnesses.

State health spokesperson Lynn Sutfin said the state has taken numerous precautions to protect privacy: Volunteers only have access to names, phone numbers and the county where a close contact lives. Addresses, health insurance, financial information and test results are kept private and volunteers must pass a background check and get trained on confidentiality and privacy.

Warsh, the state health official, said Michigan officials are also looking into using an automated tool that allows people to opt-in to receive a text or email notification if health officials believe they've been exposed.

What happens in the meantime

While the state staffs up and Whitmer begins to dial down COVID-19 social distancing requirements, local public health officials are bracing for a surge in cases.

Lifting restrictions before the volunteer workforce is available, experts say, could lead to disaster.

Many local health departments are stretching existing staffing to the limit to meet current contact tracing needs. But staffers currently reassigned to the tracing effort will eventually need to resume performing immunizations, promoting reproductive health and combating addiction.

"We've been able to have all hands on deck at this point, because we haven't been able to offer our full complement of services," said Johnson of Grand Traverse County, but the COVID-19 response will be years long.

"As these restrictions start loosening up, it's going to be a very scary time for us."

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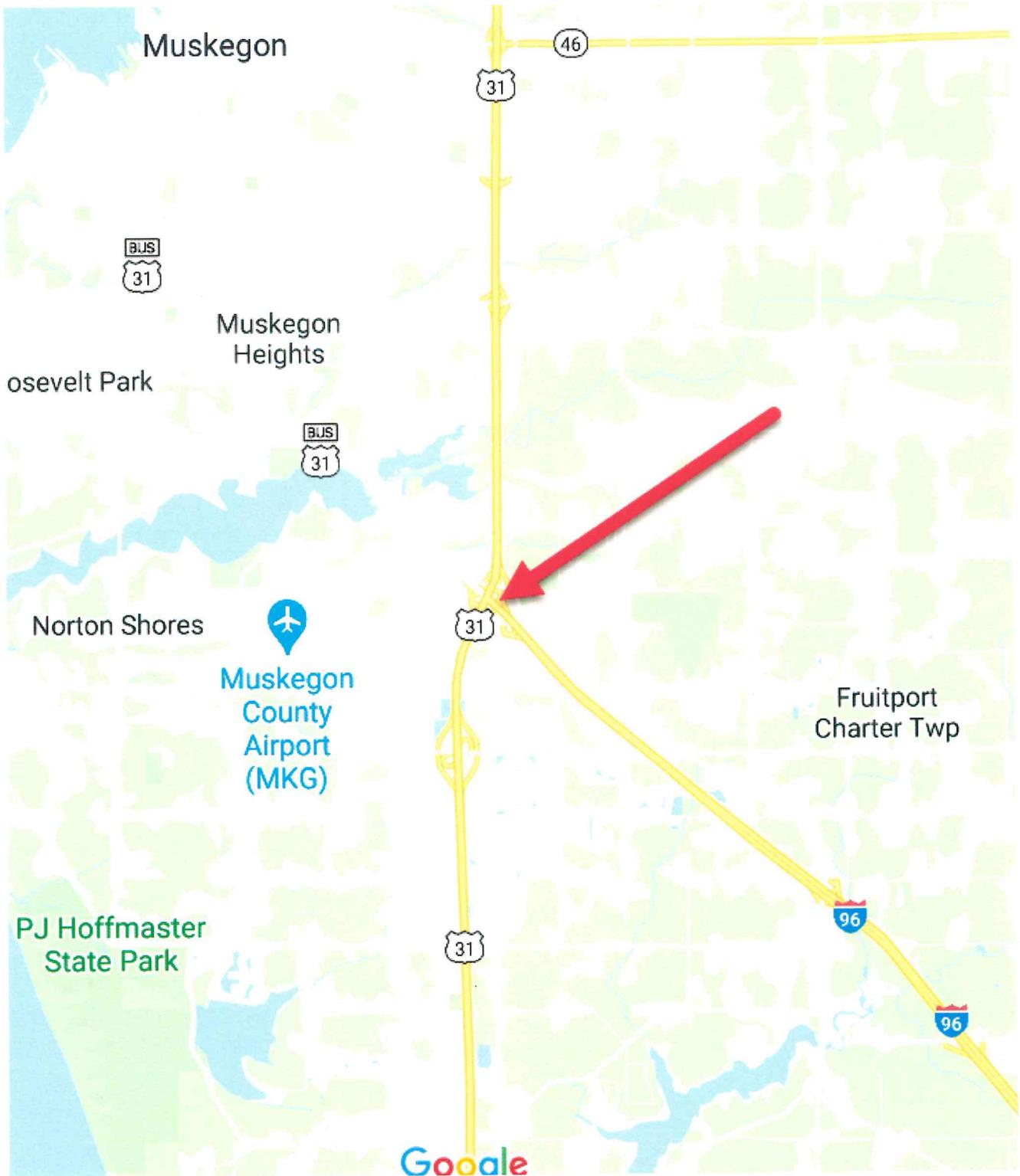
The following ramps are scheduled to be closed for three days for concrete work:

9 a.m. tomorrow (Friday) through 9 p.m. Sunday, the ramp from EB I-96 to SB US-31; the ramp from SB US-31 to EB I-96; and the ramp from EB I-96 to NB US-31.

9 a.m. Monday through 9 p.m. Wednesday, the ramp from NB US-31 to the Business Route (Seaway Drive), and the ramp from WB I-96 to NB US-31.

This work is part of a \$2.9 million project taking place along US-31 in Muskegon County. The project includes concrete patches on US-31 from Hile to Marquette in Muskegon, work at the Sternberg Rd to NB US-31 ramp, work at the SB US-31 to Airline Rd ramp and milling and resurfacing ramps along US-31 at M-120, Russel Road, White Lake Drive, and Colby Road.

The work is weather dependent.



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