



Internal Memo

May 28, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council

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

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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Attachments

PUBLIC NOTICE

MUSKEGON AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM PROPOSAL FOR FIXED ROUTE AND GOBUS SERVICE CHANGES TO BE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31, 2020

The Muskegon Area Transit System is proposing changes to its fixed route and GoBus programs, effective August 31, 2020. Changes will include revisions to the areas, times of day, and days of week to be served by MATS fixed route and GoBus services when in full service, as well as eligibility changes for accessing a revised GoBus program. A description of the proposed changes has been prepared and is available for review at www.matsbus.com and at MATS facilities.

During a 15-day public comment period, to be held May 26, 2020, to June 9, 2020, interested persons may submit written comments (including name and contact information) to publiccomment@matsbus.com or to:

Muskegon Area Transit System
Attn: Transit Systems Manager
2624 Sixth Street
Muskegon Heights, MI 49444

Additionally, MATS has made a public comment telephone line available and interested persons may make a public comment on this proposal during the 15-day public comment period by contacting 231-724-3592 and leaving a brief voicemail message.

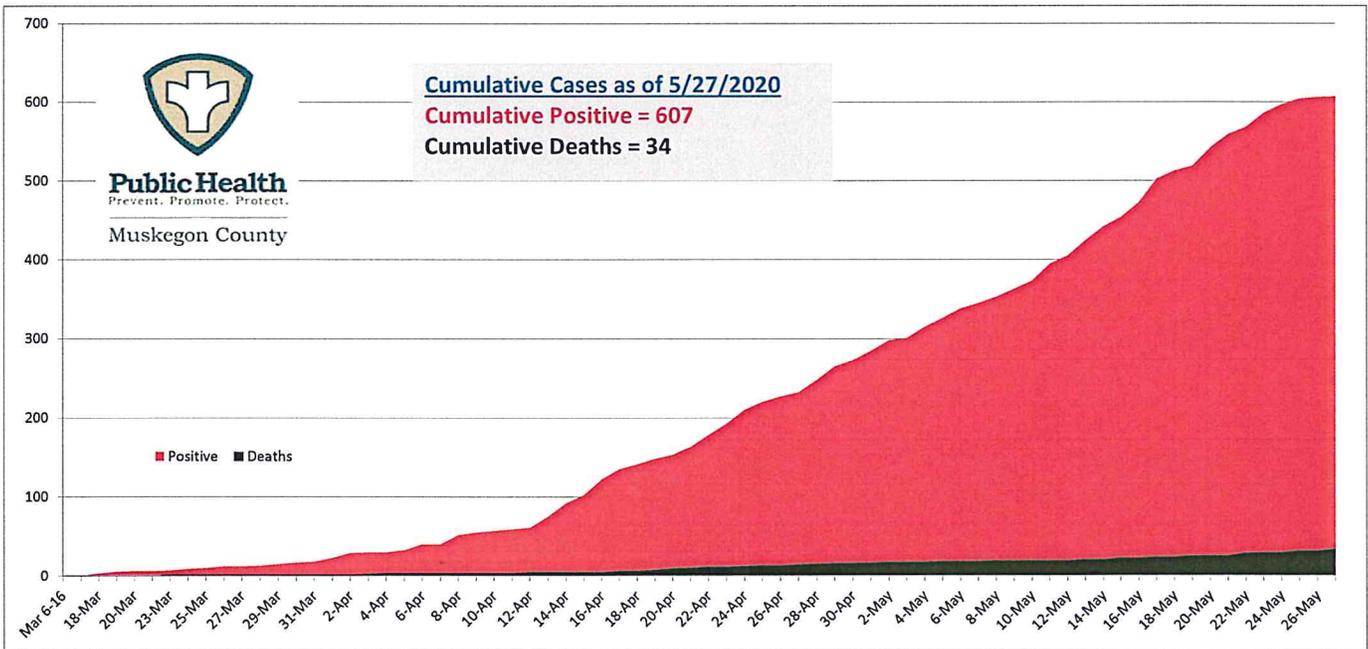
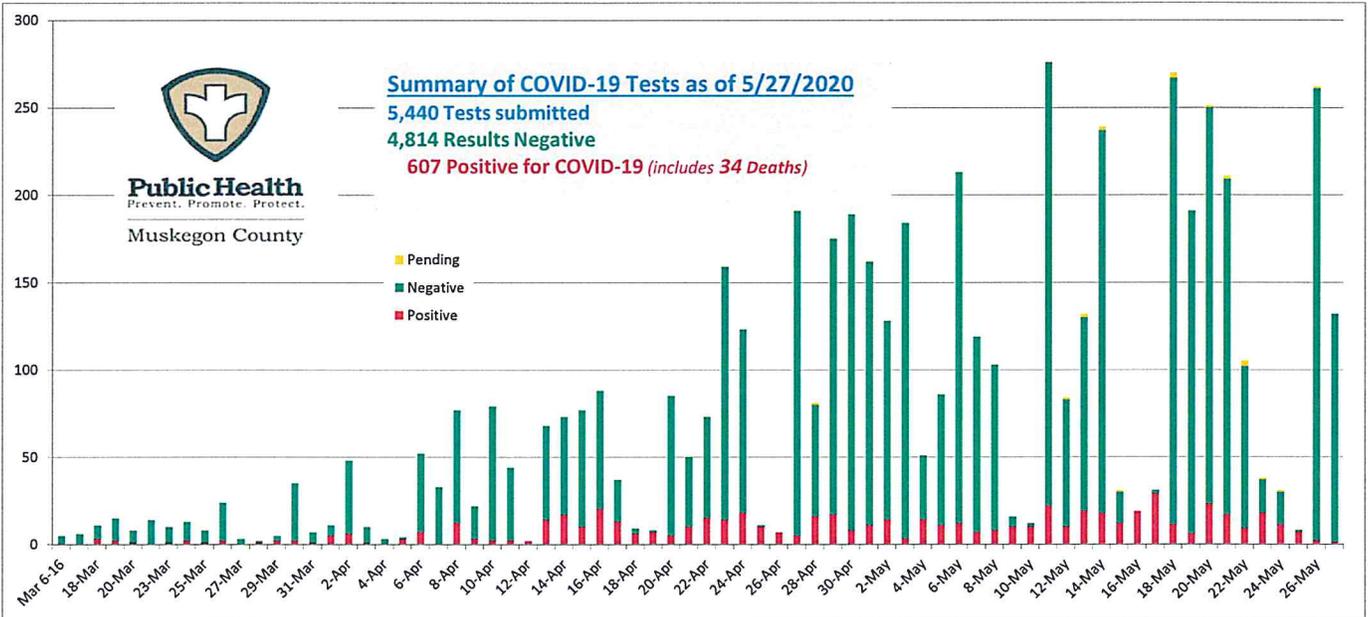
A public hearing opportunity will be provided on Thursday, June 11, 2020, to gain further input on this proposal. This opportunity will be held in conjunction with the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners' Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for 3:30pm on that date. The venue for this meeting will be determined by the County Board of Commissioners and posted with the meeting agenda at least 18 hours prior to the meeting at www.co.muskegon.mi.us/agendacenter. It should be noted that, due to COVID-19 concerns, this meeting and public hearing opportunity may be held via electronic means. Information for accessing the meeting will be provided with the Transportation Committee Agenda.

The proposed changes will:

- 1) Eliminate All Daily Fixed Route Structures and Schedules that were in Effect in February 2020.
- 2) Introduce a New Route Network and Schedules Using Eight Vehicles in Operation on Seven Routes, Weekdays Only, Between the Hours of 7am and 6pm.
- 3) Realign the GoBus Program to Service Only ADA-Certified Persons with Eligible Trips within $\frac{3}{4}$ Miles of the New Routes During the Days and Hours of Route Service in Accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Complementary Paratransit Service Provisions.

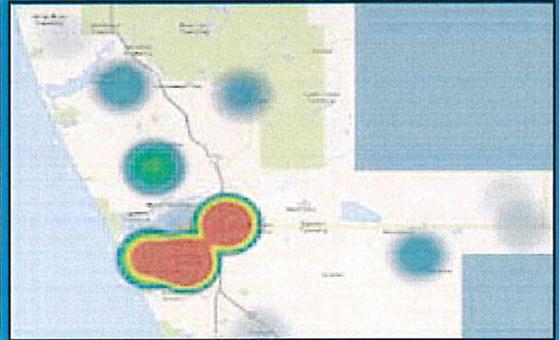
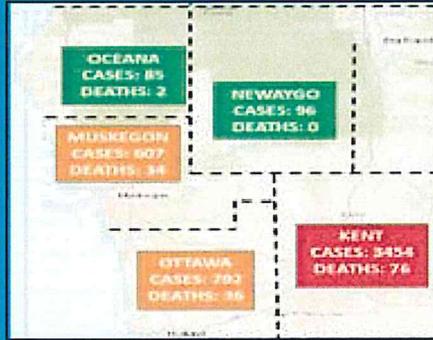
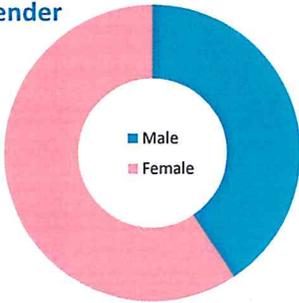
CONTACT (231) 724-6420
FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.MATSBUS.com



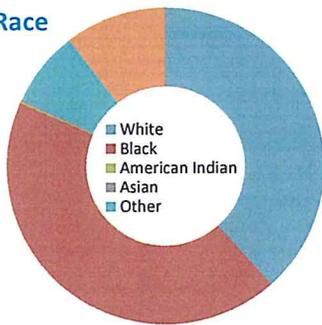


County of Muskegon: Profile of Confirmed Covid-19 Cases as of 5/27/2020

Gender



Race

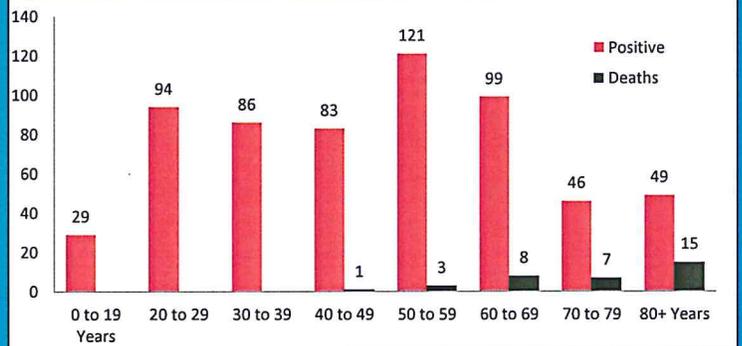


Total Cases

607

Total Deaths

34



		#	%
Gender	Male	244	40.7%
	Female	356	59.3%
	Unknown	0	0.0%
Age	0 to 19 Years	29	4.8%
	20 to 29	94	15.5%
	30 to 39	86	14.2%
	40 to 49	83	13.7%
	50 to 59	121	19.9%
	60 to 69	99	16.3%
	70 to 79	46	7.6%
	80+ Years	49	8.1%
Race	White	233	38.4%
	Black	262	43.2%
	American Indian	1	0.2%
	Asian	1	0.2%
	Other	47	7.7%
	Unknown	63	10.4%
Ethnicity	Hispanic/Latino	47	7.7%
	Non-Hispanic/Latino	453	74.6%
	Unknown Hispanic/Latino	107	17.6%
	Arab	2	0.3%
	Non-Arab	393	64.7%
Unknown Arab	212	34.9%	

Municipal Location	Count	Percentage
Blue Lake Township	3	0.5%
Casnovia Township	5	0.8%
Casnovia Village	0	0.0%
Cedar Creek Township	1	0.2%
Dalton Township	15	2.5%
Egelston Township	19	3.1%
Fruitland Township	7	1.2%
Fruitport Charter Township	29	4.8%
Fruitport Village	2	0.3%
Holton Township	2	0.3%
Laketon Township	10	1.6%
Lakewood Club Village	1	0.2%
Montague, City	4	0.7%
Montague Township	1	0.2%
Moorland Township	2	0.3%
Muskegon, City	216	35.6%
Muskegon Charter Township	31	5.1%
Muskegon Heights, City	120	19.8%
North Muskegon, City	1	0.2%
Norton Shores, City	68	11.2%
Ravenna Township	9	1.5%
Ravenna Village	0	0.0%
Roosevelt Park, City	25	4.1%
Sullivan Township	2	0.3%
White River Township	0	0.0%
Whitehall, City	2	0.3%
Whitehall Township	2	0.3%
Not Yet Determined*	30	4.9%
(*unable to reach patient to confirm address)		
Total Muskegon County	607	

Summary of COVID-19 Related Deaths

Gender	#	%
Male	20	58.8%
Female	14	41.2%
Age	Average	77
	Median	76.5
	Range	49 - 101
Race/Ethnicity		
White	19	1900.0%
Black	11	1100.0%
Asian	1	100.0%
Hispanic/Latino	2	200.0%
Unknown	1	100.0%

Current Status COVID-19 Positive Cases

Status	Count	Percentage
Total Positive	607	
Recovered**	211	34.8%
Died	34	5.6%
Active	362	59.6%

**Recovered defined as alive 30 days after diagnosis date.

Note: Data on race and ethnicity is missing or unspecified on many of the case reports.



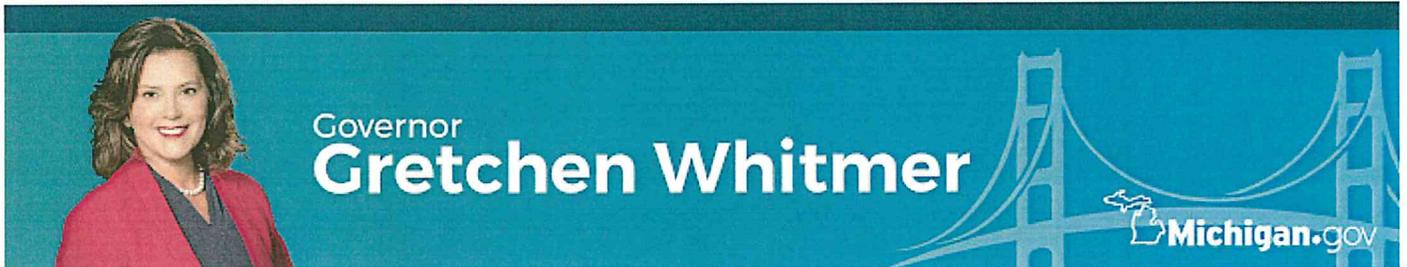
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Muskegon County

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Visit MuskegonHealth.net for daily status.

Updated 5/27/2020

From: Michigan Executive Office of the Governor <mieog@govsubscriptions.michigan.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Mark Meyers
Subject: RELEASE: Governor Whitmer Sends Letter to President Trump Requesting Extension to Utilize Michigan National Guard through July 31



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 28, 2020
Contact: press@michigan.gov

Governor Whitmer Sends Letter to President Trump Requesting Extension to Utilize Michigan National Guard through July 31

LANSING, Mich. — Governor Gretchen Whitmer today sent a letter to President Trump requesting an extension of Title 32 authority in order to use Michigan National Guard forces to combat the spread of COVID-19 through July 31, 2020. Title 32 status, which provides for federal pay and benefits, is currently authorized by the President through June 24.

“The Michigan National Guard has been instrumental in flattening the COVID-19 curve in Michigan by performing testing throughout the state, distributing Personal Protective Equipment, food, and medical supplies, providing warehousing support, disinfecting public spaces, and assisting the Department of Health and Human Services with testing,” **Governor Whitmer** said. “I’m requesting an extension to continue utilizing the Michigan National Guard so we can safely reopen our economy while putting the health and well-being of all Michiganders first.”

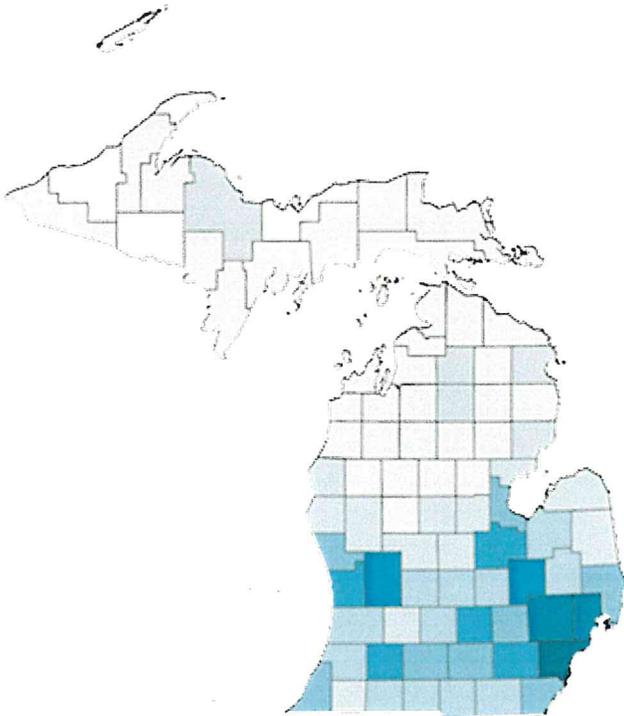
In addition to requiring Title 32 authority to fully utilize the Michigan National Guard, Gov. Whitmer is making her request in order to ensure Guard members receive federal retirement and education benefits made available under the GI Bill. If Title 32 authority expires on June 24, some Guard members will not be eligible to receive these benefits.

“The Michigan National Guard is a crucial part of our emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and will remain vital to our ongoing recovery,” **Governor Whitmer** said. “I want to ensure the brave men and women serving in the National Guard receive the benefits they’re entitled to and have earned.”

To view the governor’s letter, click the link below:

Mark Meyers

From: Eisenbarth, Mark <EisenbarthMa@co.muskegon.mi.us>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:55 AM
To: Bell, Troy; frank.peterson@shorelinecity.com; 'Jared D. Olson'; Jeff Auch, Montague; Eisenbarth, Mark; Mark Meyers; 'Sam Janson (sjanson@northmuskegon.org)'; Scott Huebler-City of Whitehall Manager (huebler@cityofwhitehall.org)
Subject: FW: UPDATES: COVID19 and Midland Flood Emergency Responses
Importance: High



Total Confirmed Cases
55,608
Total COVID-19 Deaths
5,334
Daily Confirmed Cases
504
Daily COVID-19 Deaths
68*

**Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Jurisdiction updated
5/27/2020**

County	Confirmed Cases	Reported Deaths
Alcona	12	1
Allegan	211	6
Alpena	95	9
Antrim	12	

**Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Jurisdiction updated
5/27/2020**

County	Confirmed Cases	Reported Deaths
Arenac	33	1
Baraga	1	
Barry	62	2
Bay	294	22
Benzie	4	
Berrien	600	48
Branch	105	2
Calhoun	351	22
Cass	79	2
Charlevoix	15	1
Cheboygan	21	1
Chippewa	2	
Clare	17	2
Clinton	142	10
Crawford	58	5
Delta	17	2
Detroit City	10872	1347
Dickinson	5	2
Eaton	179	6
Emmet	21	2
Genesee	1971	247
Gladwin	18	1
Gogebic	5	1
Grand Traverse	23	5
Gratiot	74	8
Hillsdale	169	24
Houghton	4	
Huron	42	1
Ingham	717	25
Ionia	145	3
Iosco	89	9
Isabella	74	7
Jackson	439	26
Kalamazoo	814	51
Kalkaska	19	2
Kent	3454	76
Lake	5	
Lapeer	188	30
Leelanau	11	
Lenawee	147	4

**Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Jurisdiction updated
5/27/2020**

County	Confirmed Cases	Reported Deaths
Livingston	391	26
Luce	3	
Mackinac	6	
Macomb	6558	784
Manistee	11	
Marquette	54	10
Mason	31	
Mecosta	20	2
Menominee	8	
Midland	80	8
Missaukee	16	1
Monroe	464	19
Montcalm	65	1
Montmorency	5	
Muskegon	606	33
Newaygo	96	
Oakland	8260	961
Oceana	85	2
Ogemaw	21	
Osceola	11	
Oscoda	5	1
Otsego	100	10
Ottawa	715	31
Presque Isle	11	
Roscommon	21	
Saginaw	1002	107
Sanilac	40	5
Schoolcraft	4	
Shiawassee	237	26
St Clair	431	37
St Joseph	109	2
Tuscola	186	23
Van Buren	131	6
Washtenaw	1305	97
Wayne	9127	1059
Wexford	11	2
MDOC*	3548	64
FCI**	138	4
Unknown	16	
Out of State	64	
Grand Total	55608	5334

**Michigan Department of Corrections*

***Federal Correctional Institute*Michigan Department of Corrections*

City of Detroit and Wayne County are reported separately

Note on cumulative counts: This report is provisional and subject to change. As public health investigations of individual cases continue, there will be corrections to the status and details of referred cases that result in changes to this report.

For more information: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163_98173---,00.html

Governor Whitmer Signs Executive Order Expanding COVID-19 Testing Sites

Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-104, which expands the types of medical personnel that can order a test, and creates a new category of community testing sites that offer testing to anyone with reason to be tested without an advance order, and without charging an out-of-pocket cost to any Michigander.

The governor also announced a new, online dashboard that visually illustrates COVID-19 risks and trends in Michigan, providing residents with important information about the pandemic status where they live and work. Michiganders can find the dashboard at MIstartmap.info.

The governor was joined by MDHHS Chief Deputy for Health and Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Dr. Emily Martin, Associate Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and Beverly Allen, Chief Executive Officer of Aetna Better Health of Michigan, a subsidiary of CVS Health.

To view video of the governor's press conference, click [here](#).

To view the PowerPoint presentation the governor and Dr. Martin used, click the link: [PPT 5.26.20.pdf](#)

Consumer Alert: UIA Warns of Imposter Unemployment Claims

Criminals attempting to illegally obtain benefits using stolen and falsified data

LANSING, MICH. The Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) today warned residents of attempts by criminals to file imposter claims in pursuit of benefits. The U.S. Secret Service (USSS) [recently issued a national alert](#) regarding an international criminal ring exploiting the COVID-19 crisis to commit largescale fraud against state unemployment programs. The UIA, Michigan State Police Cyber Command and Dept. of Technology Management and Budget Cybersecurity are coordinating with the USSS to obtain cyber threat indicators related to national fraud activity. No personal data from claimants has been stolen from the UIA.

Imposter claims are filed using previously stolen or fraudulent personal information. The expanded benefits available under the newly created federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program has resulted in increased activity among criminals particularly those posing as self-employed

workers or independent contractors to illegally obtain benefits. The USSS has indicated that states already targeted include Washington, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Oklahoma, Wyoming and Florida.

Using information from federal and state law enforcement, the UIA has developed additional fraud protections, including additional requirements to verify identity and authenticate claim eligibility. These changes could impact both new and existing claimants but are made using the latest understanding of how criminals are gaining access to benefits. Some existing claimants may have received “Stop Payment” notices on their accounts and have been sent instructions on how to submit the additional information. Certain financial institutions may also place a hold on a customer’s account if it believes there is suspicious activity. Customers should contact their institution directly if this occurs.

“There is a rise in unlawful unemployment claims across the nation and unfortunately criminals are taking advantage of this global pandemic. Michiganders who suspect an imposter claim has been filed in their name should contact the UIA immediately,” said UIA Director Steve Gray. “We are working with law enforcement to identify and prevent scammers from accessing the system and will work to ensure all unemployment benefits are sent to the Michigan workers that deserve them.”

The UIA continues to work with law enforcement to determine the level of unlawful unemployment activity in Michigan. When the UIA becomes aware of potentially malicious claims, it takes quick action to temporarily suspend certain payments to prevent fraud. The UIA will continue to work with its partners, which also include the USSS, U.S. Office of Inspector General and U.S. Attorney’s Office to identify, locate and begin to bring these criminals to justice.

Imposter Claims:

Individuals use stolen or false personal information to fraudulently apply for unemployment benefits. [Tips to prevent unemployment identity theft can be found online](#). No personal data from claimants has been stolen from the UIA.

How to protect against unemployment identity theft:

When an individual files a claim for unemployment insurance, they will receive a written Monetary Determination letter. If you receive this letter (Form UIA 1575C) and you have not applied for unemployment benefits, or the name on the form is not yours, you may be a victim of identity theft. If this happens, contact the UIA immediately online at Michigan.gov/UIA through the Report Identity Theft link. [More tips on how to prevent unemployment identity theft in Michigan are available online](#).

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

Treasury: Installment Payment Option Available for Business Taxpayers Deferring Sales, Use and Withholding Tax Payments; Penalties and Interest Will Be Waived on Installment Balance

Business taxpayers who have deferred paying their Sales, Use and Withholding (SUW) taxes due to the COVID-19 pandemic can now participate in an installment payment option to satisfy their outstanding tax balance, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

In a [special notice](#) issued on May 26, 2020, the state Treasury Department is now allowing business taxpayers scheduled to make SUW tax payments for the February, March, April and May tax periods on June 20, 2020 – including quarterly filers – to either pay their outstanding balance in its entirety or

pay their outstanding balance in monthly payments over the next six months. Penalties and interest will be waived on those deferred payments.

“Michigan businesses are looking for ways to continue operating during and after this crisis and we know that many have taken advantage of tax payment extensions,” State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. “Providing an installment payment option enables businesses to spread out their obligations over the next six months without incurring additional cost. Taxpayers are encouraged to pay their entire balance if able to do so.”

To take advantage of the installment payment option, monthly filers should submit their outstanding returns for February, March, April and May tax periods by June 20, 2020, to establish their installment balance. Taxpayers can then make six monthly payments on that balance from June to November.

Quarterly filers should submit their outstanding first quarter return by June 20, 2020, to establish their installment balance. Taxpayers can then make three payments on that balance in June, September and November.

For the SUW tax deadline in July and deadlines through the remainder of the year, businesses must file their monthly or quarterly returns and submit their payments as normally scheduled.

To ensure accurate reporting of the payments, each installment payment must be submitted separately from any tax payment otherwise due in that tax period. Taxpayers must follow the payment instructions as outlined in the [state Treasury Department’s notice](#).

Businesses do not need to contact or submit any documentation to the state Treasury Department to participate in the installment plan.

Businesses with questions should inquire through self-service options using [Michigan Treasury Online](#) or go to www.michigan.gov/askSUW.

To learn more about Michigan’s taxes, go to www.michigan.gov/taxes or follow the state Treasury Department on Twitter at [@MITreasury](https://twitter.com/MITreasury).

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Governor Whitmer Directs EGLE to Investigate Failures of Edenville, Sanford Dams

Department also asked to review dam safety across the state

Governor Gretchen Whitmer today sent a letter to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) directing the department to investigate what caused the Edenville Dam and Sanford Dam to fail, resulting in historic flooding in several mid-Michigan counties. Gov. Whitmer also asked EGLE to review the larger issue of dam safety in Michigan and provide recommendations on policy, legislative, budgetary, and enforcement reforms that can prevent these harms from repeating elsewhere.

“This flooding forced thousands to evacuate their homes, destroyed public infrastructure, ruined homes and businesses, and caused major natural resource damage,” said **Governor Whitmer**. “We

must ensure accountability and prevent a disaster like this from happening again. I want to thank the first responders and volunteers who have stepped up to help in this time of unprecedented need.”

The letter to EGLE is just one of many steps Gov. Whitmer has taken to marshal the necessary resources to ensure residents and their families have access to the help they need to recover from this disaster. Governor Whitmer declared a state of emergency on May 19 for Midland City and Midland County and has since expanded the declaration to include additional impacted counties of Arenac, Gladwin, Saginaw, and Iosco to ensure those areas have the resources they need. On May 20, Gov. Whitmer sent a letter to President Trump urging him to approve a federal emergency declaration for Midland County, which was approved on May 21.

“It warms my heart to see the outpouring of support and generosity for residents in mid-Michigan impacted by this historic flood while in the midst of a global health pandemic,” **Governor Whitmer** said. “As residents begin the painstaking task of picking up the pieces from this disaster, they deserve to know why these dams failed, uprooting their homes, businesses and lives in the process.”

To view the governor’s letter, click the link: [Letter, Gov. Whitmer to Dir. Clark \(EGLE\) \(5.27.20\).pdf](#)

The governor visited Midland today to survey the damage from the flooding and get an update from the team on the ground.

