



## Internal Memo

July 23, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mark C. Meyers, City Administrator 

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 e-mail NOTICE

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**DATE:** July 21, 2020

**PAGES:** 1, Including this Sheet

**FROM:** Jim Murphy, Director of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** City Wide 2020 Hot-in-Place Pavement Recycling and Pavement Overlay Work.

**COMMENTS:** The City of Norton Shores wishes to notify you that the 2020 Hot-in-Place Pavement Recycling and Pavement Overlay work is scheduled to start as early as July 27, 2020 at various locations throughout the City and should be completed by the end of September. The affected roadways are:

## CITY 2020 HIP RECYCLING AND HMA OVERLAY PROJECT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Limits</u>
Algonquin Drive	Seminole to Norton
Austin Street	Summit to Broadway
Brentwood Street	Seminole to Norton
Chippewa Drive	Seminole to Norton
Esther Avenue	Grand Haven east to cul-de-sac
Neece Drive	Summerfield to Norton
Ossad Drive	Neece to Summerfield
Rood Road	Seminole to Norton
Summerfield Drive	Porter to Neece
Valk Street	Broadway to Sherman

These roads will remain open during construction with traffic controlled by flaggers. Delays should be expected within the work area

Updates to project progress can be found on the City's website and Facebook page as well as available on [nixle.com](http://nixle.com).

Questions about the closure may be addressed to the Public Works Department, Municipal Building, 4814 Henry Street, Norton Shores, MI 49441 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 231-799-6803.

WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY  
Minutes of June 16, 2020 Board Meeting

A meeting of the West Michigan Regional Water Authority was called to order on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 1:34 p.m. in the Small Conference Room, Norton Shores City Hall, 4814 Henry Street.

Members Present: Board Members Mike Huston, Steve Biesiada, Heidi Tice, and Alternate Member Mark Meyers

Members Absent:

Other Attendees: James Murphy, Norton Shores Public Works Director

Adoption of Agenda

The adoption of the agenda was accepted by consensus.

Adoption of Minutes

Alternate Member Mark Meyers moved to adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of February 18, 2020. The motion was seconded by Secretary Steve Biesiada. The motion was carried unanimously.

Public Forum/Public Input

None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mike Huston presented to the board that money has been added to the fund balance, unlike last fiscal year. Vice Chair Heidi Tice moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as present. The motion was seconded by Alternate Member Mark Meyers. The motion was carried unanimously.

Old/New Business:

1. Coastal Protection Strategy - Update

Secretary Steve Biesiada presented the board that work on getting grants is still in the process and that work with the Army Corp of Engineers continues. The board agreed to keep this as an update on the agenda moving forward.

2. Election of new Water Authority Chair - Action

Treasurer Mike Huston moved to appoint James Murphy to the Chair position. This motion was seconded by Vice Chair Heidi Tice. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Risk and Resilience Assessment – Discussion Only

Secretary Steve Biesiada presented the board with the information regarding the Risk and Resilience Assessment that is required by the Environmental Protection Agency. Steve stated that he received a proposal from Prein & Newhof for the assessment that would combine Fruitport Township and the City of Norton Shores for a cost of \$17,000. Combining both municipalities would save \$2,000 and would be completed in conjunction with the City of Muskegon. The board agreed to get an agreement into place so that it can be brought to the next meeting.

Comments from the Board

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

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Steve Biesiada, Secretary

# COVID-19 Economic Indicator Dashboard

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JULY 16, 2020



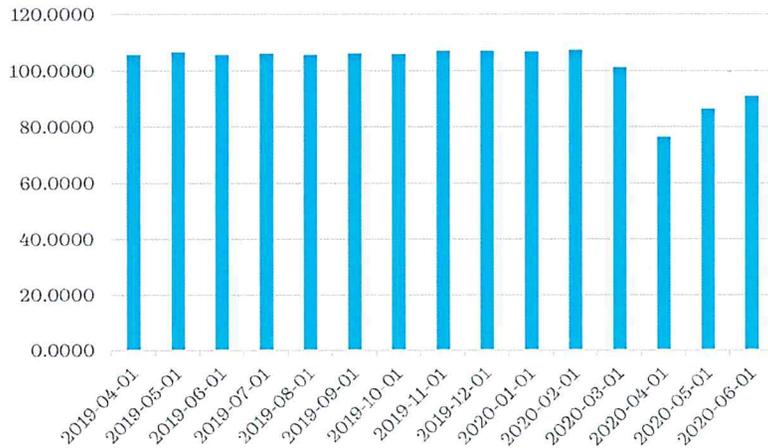
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# Muskegon County COVID-19 Indicator Dashboard

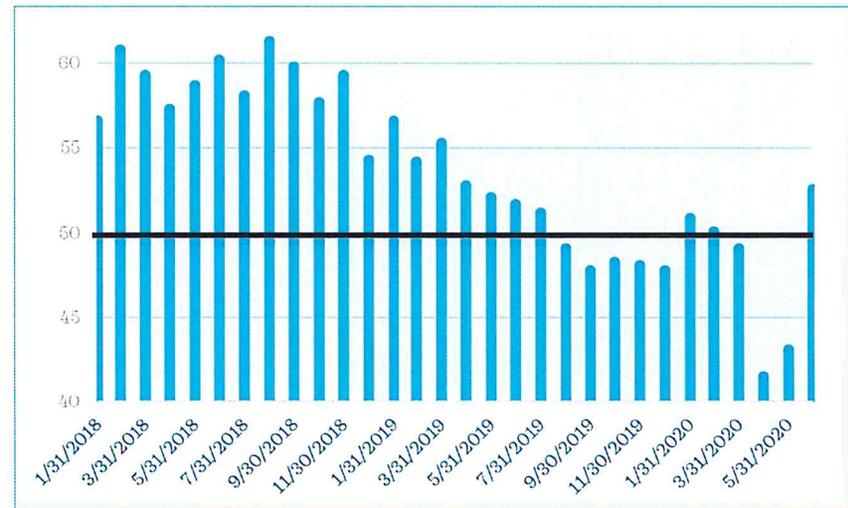
The Purchasing Managers index increased by 18.1% from May 2020 to June 2020.  
 Domestic furniture production increased by 5% from May 2020 to June 2020.

**Domestic Furniture Production**  
 May 2019 - June 2020  
 2012=100



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

**PMI**  
 January 2018-June 2020

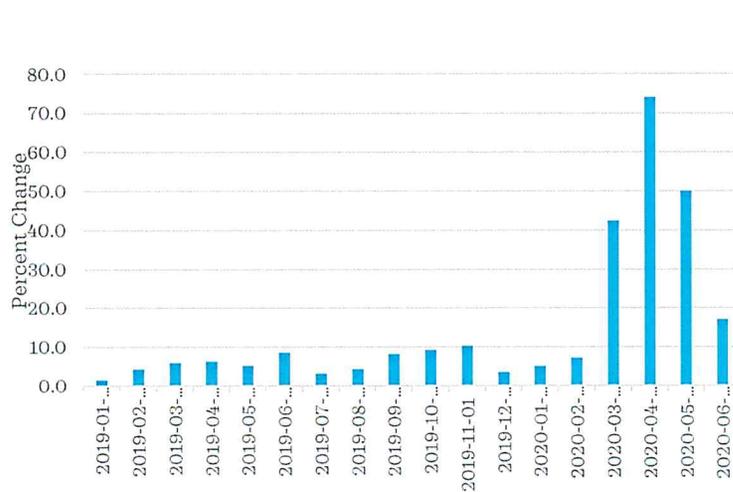


Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration •  • Muskegon Area First

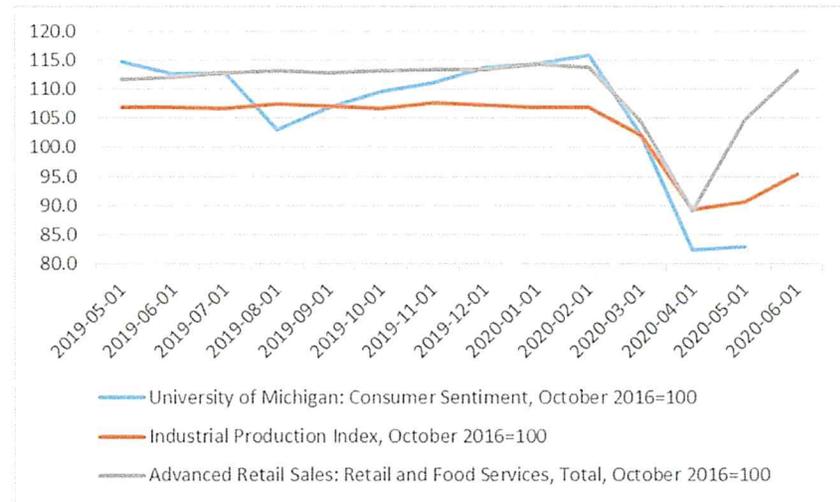
# Muskegon County COVID-19 Indicator Dashboard

US bank deposits decreased by 57% from April 2020-June 2020.

**US Bank Deposits – Monthly Change**  
January 2019 - June 2020



**Indexes: Retail, Consumer, and Industrial**  
May 2019 – June 2020



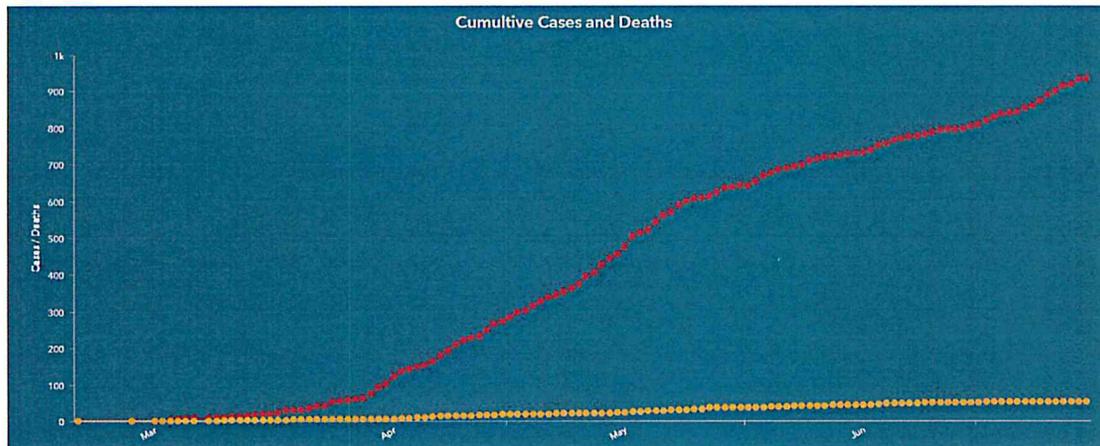
Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

# Muskegon County COVID-19 Indicator Dashboard

County case and mortality statistics.

County	COVID Cases	Cases/100k	COVID Deaths	Mortality Rate	Mortality/100k
Muskegon	796	458.62	49	6.16	28.23
State	63,870	639.53	5,947	9.31	59.55

Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, July 16, 2020



## Muskegon County COVID cases and deaths

Red = cases  
yellow = deaths

Source: Muskegon County Health Department, July 16, 2020



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# Muskegon County COVID-19 Indicator Dashboard

With loosening of restrictions our activities are changing.

On June 27<sup>th</sup> we spent more time at work and less time in retail compared to July 12<sup>th</sup>.

## June 27, 2020

County	Retail & Recreation	Grocery & Pharmacy	Parks	Transit Stations	Workplace	Residential
Muskegon	-4%	18%	103%	-	-5%	-2%
State	-10%	6%	305%	2%	-8%	1%

## July 12, 2020

County	Retail & Recreation	Grocery & Pharmacy	Parks	Transit Stations	Workplace	Residential
Muskegon	10%	18%	103%	-	-9%	-2%
State	-2%	5%	363%	0%	-8%	-1%

Source: Google Mobility Change Report, June 27, 2020 and July 12, 2020



**From:** MI Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 5:18 PM  
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ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY



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July 22, 2020

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## **Michigan adopts strict PFAS in drinking water standards**

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) announced today that Michigan will adopt a ruleset creating some of the nation's most comprehensive regulations limiting PFAS contamination in drinking water.

"All Michiganders deserve to know that we're prioritizing their health and are continuing to work every day to protect the water coming out of their taps," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "Michigan is once again leading the way nationally in fighting PFAS contamination by setting our own science-based drinking water standard. As a result, we will be better protecting Michiganders across our state."

Following 15 session days in front of the Michigan Legislature's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR), this ruleset passed the final oversight step in the rule-making process launched by Gov. Whitmer in March 2019.

The ruleset takes effect seven days after filing with the Secretary of State and is expected to become official Aug. 3, 2020. The new rules will provide drinking water standards for public water systems to achieve.

"Under the direction of Governor Whitmer, we've reached this critical milestone for the safety of Michigan's drinking water," said EGLE Director Liesl Clark. "These rules represent the input from a diverse group of stakeholders who helped us shape regulations that are practical, science-driven and, most importantly, protective of public health. We remain

committed to working together to root out PFAS contamination, protect at-risk populations and drive down exposure levels.”

Michigan’s first-ever regulations limiting seven PFAS chemicals in drinking water will cover roughly 2,700 public water supplies around the state and exceed the current US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidance on the chemicals.

The following Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were proposed by EGLE and adopted by the legislature:

<b>Specific PFAS</b>	<b>Drinking Water MCL Parts per Trillion (ppt)</b>
PFNA	6 ppt
PFOA	8 ppt
PFHxA	400,000 ppt
PFOS	16 ppt
PFHxS	51 ppt
PFBS	420 ppt
HFPO-DA	370 ppt

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), EGLE and other state agencies that make up the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART), conducted a year-long review of current scientific and health data about PFAS and consulted several academic, environmental and business stakeholders in the development of the rules.

The new rules followed the Administrative Rules Process handled by the Environmental Rules Review Committee, Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) and JCAR. The rules were also subject to a public comment period.

The new drinking water standards also have an immediate effect on Michigan’s existing groundwater clean-up criteria of 70 ppt for PFOS and PFOA. The new groundwater standard will be 8 ppt for PFOA and 16 ppt for PFOS.

The new drinking water and groundwater standards will also result in 42 new sites being added into MPART’s portfolio of ongoing PFAS investigations. Half of the new sites are landfills and more than a dozen are former plating or manufacturing sites. Many sites are also the subject of ongoing EGLE investigations into other forms of contamination. Summaries of the new sites will be posted on the MPART web site after the rules become official. Additionally, MPART will schedule a series of regional webinars to provide more information regarding next steps in the state’s investigation into PFAS contamination at these sites.

Additional investigations may also be pursued based on monitoring data required of public water systems under the new rules. Roughly 30 public water systems were found to have total PFAS results of 10 ppt or higher during MPART’s 2018 statewide sampling program

and ongoing surveys. Compliance with the new standards at those systems and others will be determined based on a running annual average of sample results. Investigations near the public water systems with PFAS detections will be prioritized for further assessment and sampling by EGLE to determine potential PFAS sources and any potential risk to both public and private drinking water.

“We’ve communicated with many of these public water systems along with other stakeholders during the period we were developing these rules so this change in status will not come as a surprise,” said Steve Sliver, executive director of MPART. “The PFAS levels previously detected at these sites and supplies have not necessarily changed, but the state’s regulations have become much more protective and give us a new tool in our shared mission of protecting people’s drinking water.”

In anticipation of these new rules, many public water supplies have already acted to reduce PFAS levels in their drinking water supply. MPART agencies like EGLE and MDHHS will assist public water systems to bring their water into compliance over the next several months.

Known to scientists as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, PFAS are a group of potentially harmful contaminants used in thousands of applications globally including firefighting foam, food packaging and many other consumer products. These compounds also are used by industries such as tanneries, metal platers and clothing manufacturers.

To learn more about PFAS, visit the [MPART website](#).

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**EGLE COVID-19 RESPONSE:** For details on EGLE's work during the pandemic, [visit our COVID-19 response webpage](#). Follow state actions and guidelines at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus).



Invitations to respond started arriving in mailboxes March 1, 2020.

[Michigan.gov/Census2020](https://Michigan.gov/Census2020) ▶

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**Subject:** [New post] Stimulus Water Restoration Initiative for Shoreline Communities

hrichards@mml.org posted: "The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative has recently launched its campaign to secure \$20 billion for shoreline communities throughout the Great Lakes Basin and along the Mississippi River impacted by high waters and shoreline erosion. The Ci"

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The Cities' Initiative's ask to both the US and Canadian federal governments is to invest in water infrastructure and coastal protection to accelerate economic recovery:

- **U.S. government:** \$20 billion for water infrastructure and \$500 million for coastal protection to create an estimated 400,000 jobs.
- **Canadian government:** \$6.3 billion for water infrastructure and \$700 million for coastal protection to create an estimated 152,000 jobs.

To get a full overview of the campaign you can visit their website [here](#). You can also view the kickoff webinar for the campaign [here](#) and the campaign fact sheet [here](#).

The Cities' Initiative has also developed a resource toolkit for municipal leaders on the Initiative. You can find the full toolkit with sample resolutions, letters to Congress, and other resources at the base of their campaign webpage [here](#).

For more information on the Stimulus Water Restoration Initiative, contact Executive Director Jon Altenberg at [jon.altenberg@glslcities.org](mailto:jon.altenberg@glslcities.org).

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Under Executive Order 2020-154, all three previous orders are consolidated and extended to protect the public health and safety of Michiganders. The new order:

- Allows public bodies subject to the Open Meetings Act, including boards, commissions, committees, subcommittees, authorities, councils and nonprofit boards, to use telephone- or video-conferencing methods to continue meeting and conducting business during the COVID-19 public health crisis, so long as they follow certain procedures to ensure meaningful access and participation by members of the public body and the general public.
- Allows notice of any public hearing required to take place under a tax abatement statute to be provided electronically and by newspaper.
- Allows the Michigan Employment Relations Commission, Unemployment Insurance Agency, and other administrative hearings to be held by video conference or phone in place of in-person hearings.

Executive Orders 2020-129, 2020-132 and 2020-141 are rescinded with Executive Order 2020-154 remaining in effect during any state of emergency or disaster associated with COVID-19, and for 28 days thereafter to the extent necessary for public bodies to schedule remote meetings and hearings.

To view Executive Order 2020-154, click the link below: