



# Calhoun County Joint Information Center

Wednesday, May 27, 2020



# Administrative Notes

- Please mute your phone
- This is a listening-only meeting, besides the pre-arranged speakers
- Please send any questions through Zoom chat function
- Enter your name on Zoom, so we know who is asking questions
- Monday and Friday briefs will be via email/press release. Wednesday will be the only live Zoom briefing. Please let PIOs know if you have questions.



# Unified Command Team

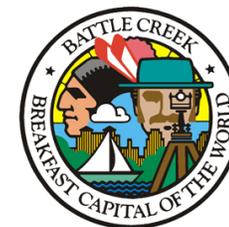
Kelli Scott, Calhoun County Administrator/Controller

Ted Dearing, Battle Creek Assistant City Manager

Eric Pessell, Calhoun County Public Health Department Health Officer



## CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER



*COVID-19 Unified Response*



# Joint Operations Center: Lines of Effort and Priorities

Save Lives

Mitigate Suffering

Protect the Vulnerable

- Develop Community-wide approach
- Create a virtual Joint Operations Center
- Respond to impacts and effect of the Shelter in Place Order
- Anticipate and prepare for COVID increase and surge capability
- Develop plan to reset and stabilize



# Purpose of Joint Information Center (JIC)

To provide current and relevant information regarding actions, activities and resources in the JOC in a combined format for community and elected leadership, as well as the media

To listen to and determine the needs of all jurisdictions in Calhoun County



# Agenda

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# Current Situation

As of 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 27:

There are **351** positive cases of COVID-19 in Calhoun County

There are **22** deaths reported

There are **72** cumulative hospitalizations

This information and much more is updated twice daily by the Public Health Department at [calhouncountymi.gov](https://calhouncountymi.gov).



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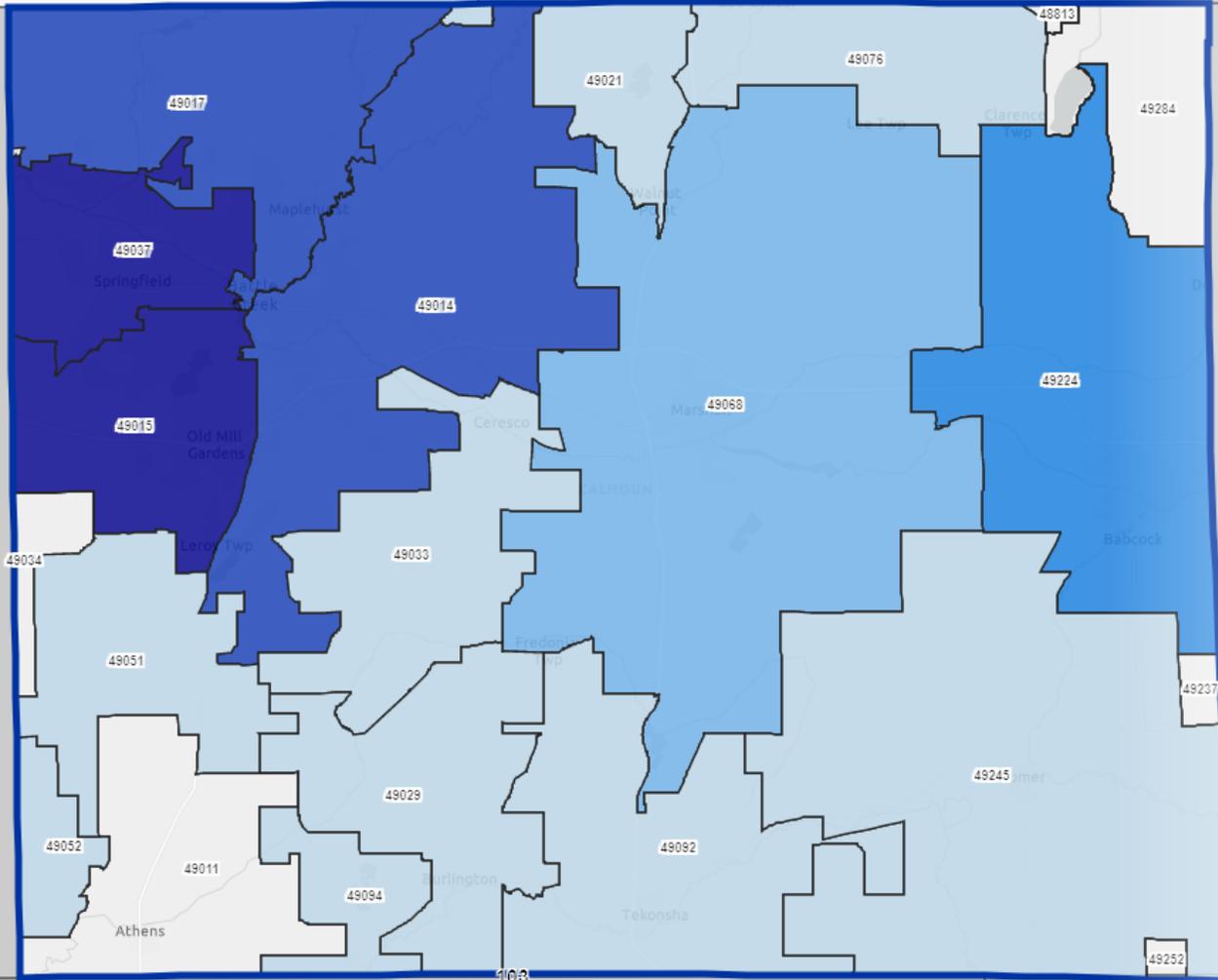
As of 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 27:

There are **6** persons currently hospitalized in Calhoun County

**258** persons have been released from quarantine orders

**309** persons have been released from isolation orders

This information is updated once daily Monday-Friday by the Public Health Department at [calhouncountymi.gov](https://calhouncountymi.gov).



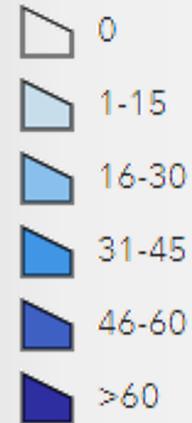
# Calhoun County by Zip Code

*updated 5/27/20*

Calhoun County Boundary



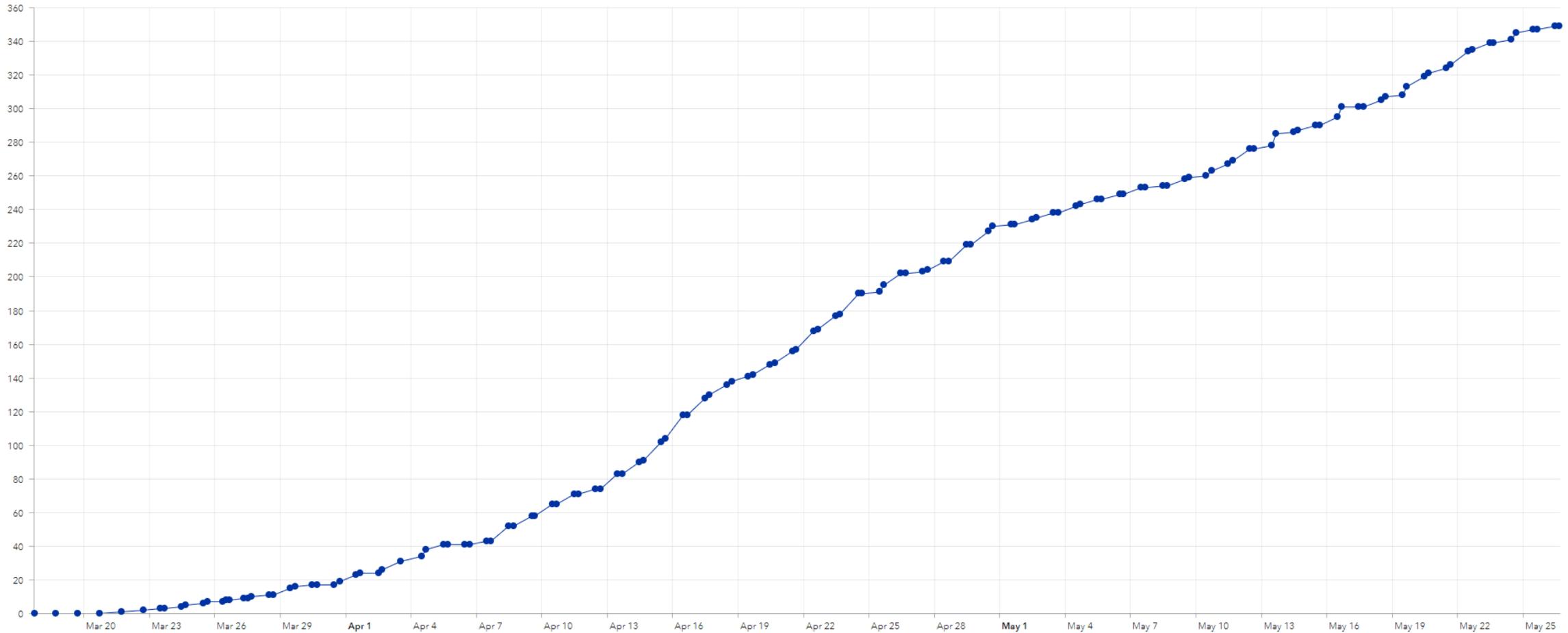
Confirmed Cases by zip code





# Calhoun Confirmed Cases

updated 5/27/20





# Calhoun County Hospitals

## Beds and Ventilator Tracking

updated 5/27/20

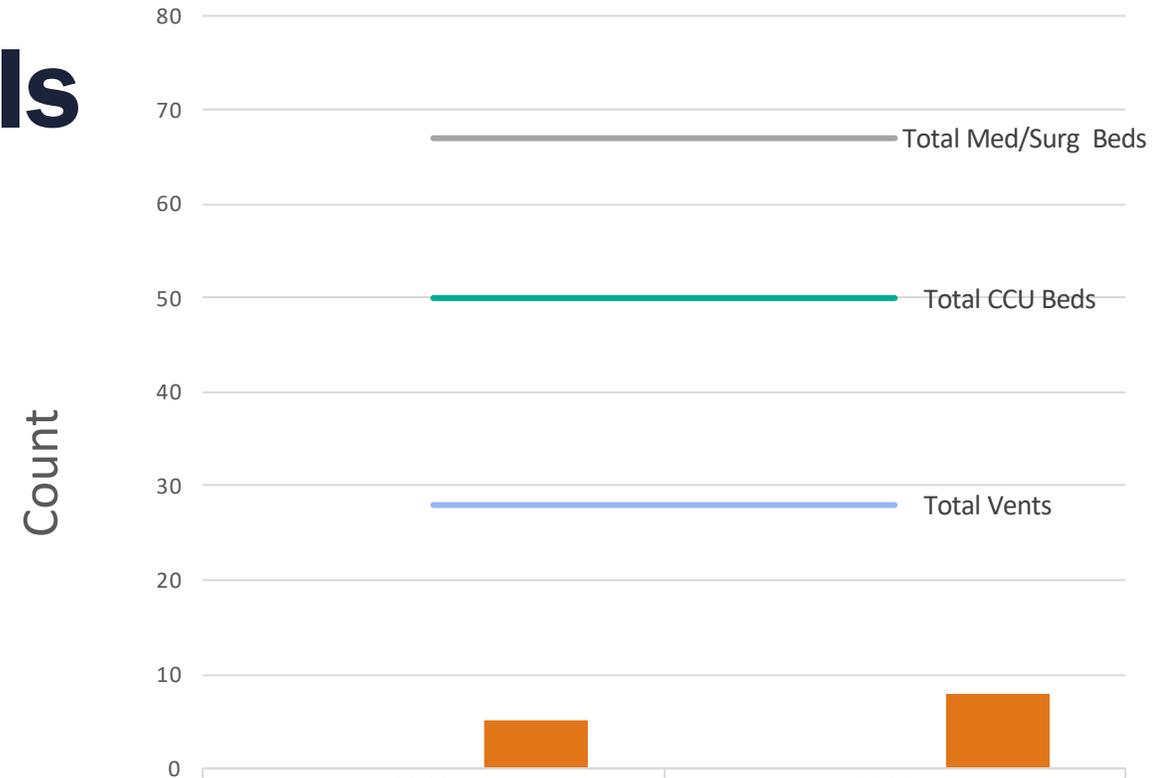
Med/Surg Beds: standard hospital beds

CCU Beds: Critical Care Unit beds

Resources Included:



**Note:** VA is Currently Non-COVID-19 Care.

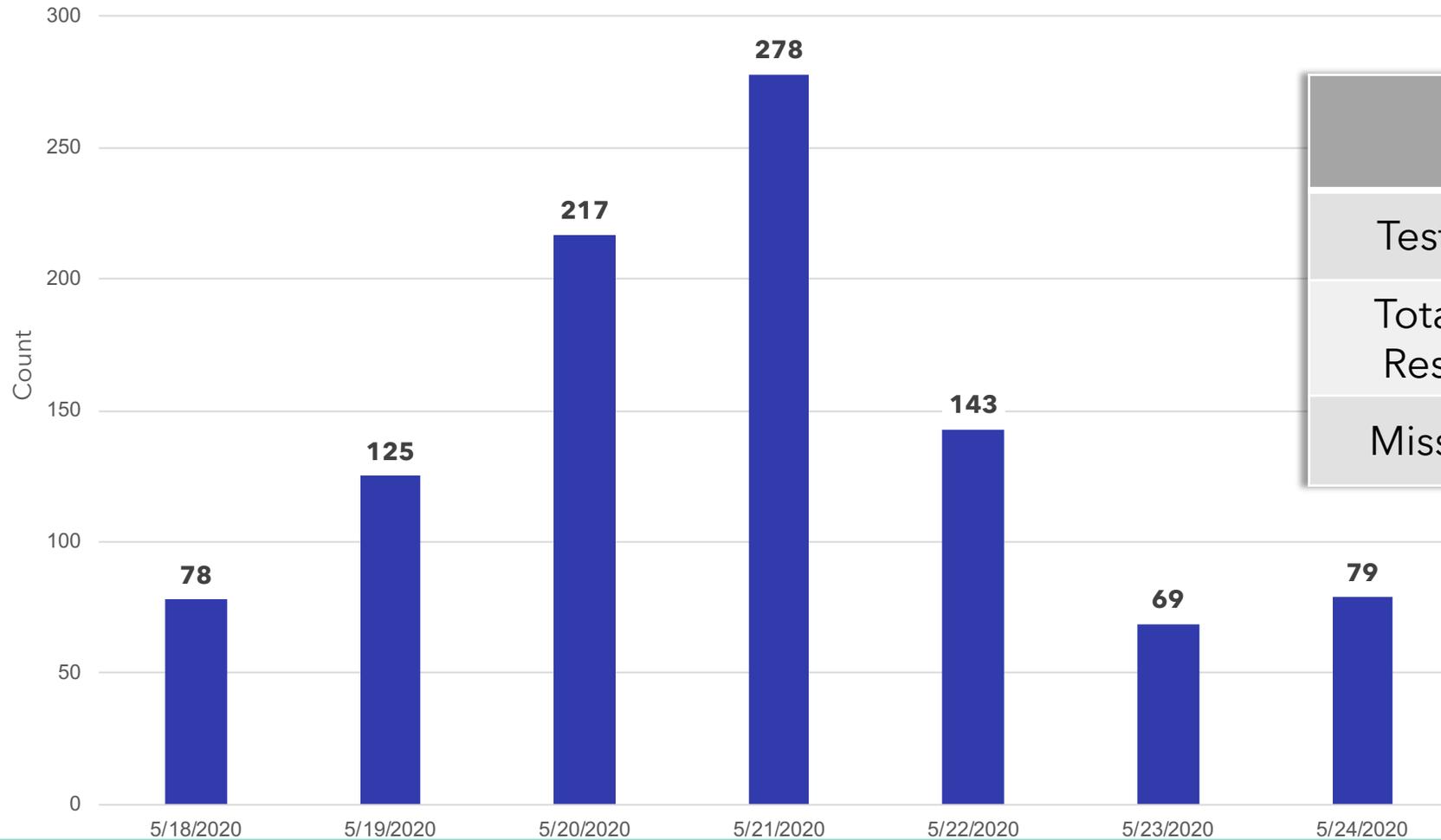


	22-May	26-May
COVID-19 Patients on Vents	0	0
COVID-19 Med/Surg Patients	0	0
COVID-19 CCU Patients	5	8
Total Med/Surg Beds	67	67
Total CCU Beds	50	50
Total Vents	28	28



# Total COVID-19 Tests by Message Date\*, Calhoun County

Source: State of Michigan and MAG



Weekly Testing Data, Calhoun County	
Test Goal:	1,342 test per week
Total Tests Resulted:	989 tests
Missed by:	353 tests

*updated: 5/24/20*

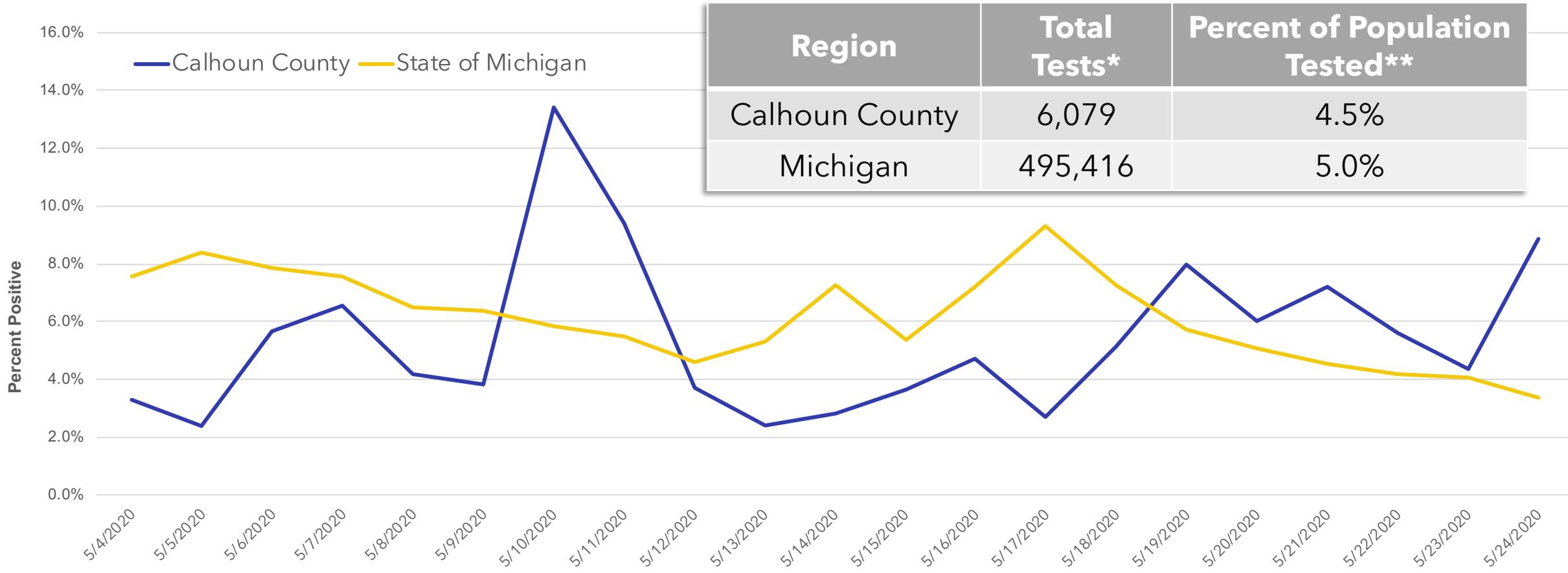
\*Message Date is defined as the date in which a lab result is reported



# Daily Percent Positive COVID-19 Tests by Message Date

Calhoun County and State of Michigan

Source: State of Michigan and MAG



\*\*This data is not deduplicated, and therefore is an estimated representation of the number of persons in Calhoun County tested.

\*updated 5/24/20



# Mass-Testing Event Saturday & Sunday

Collaboration with CCPHD, MI state police, & National Guard

Testing site TBD in Albion

Albion chosen as the first site for mass testing in Calhoun County to address lack of testing currently available in Albion

Future mass-testing events will be announced as they are scheduled.

**ALL who attend will be tested. No physician order required.**



# State Resource About Reopening

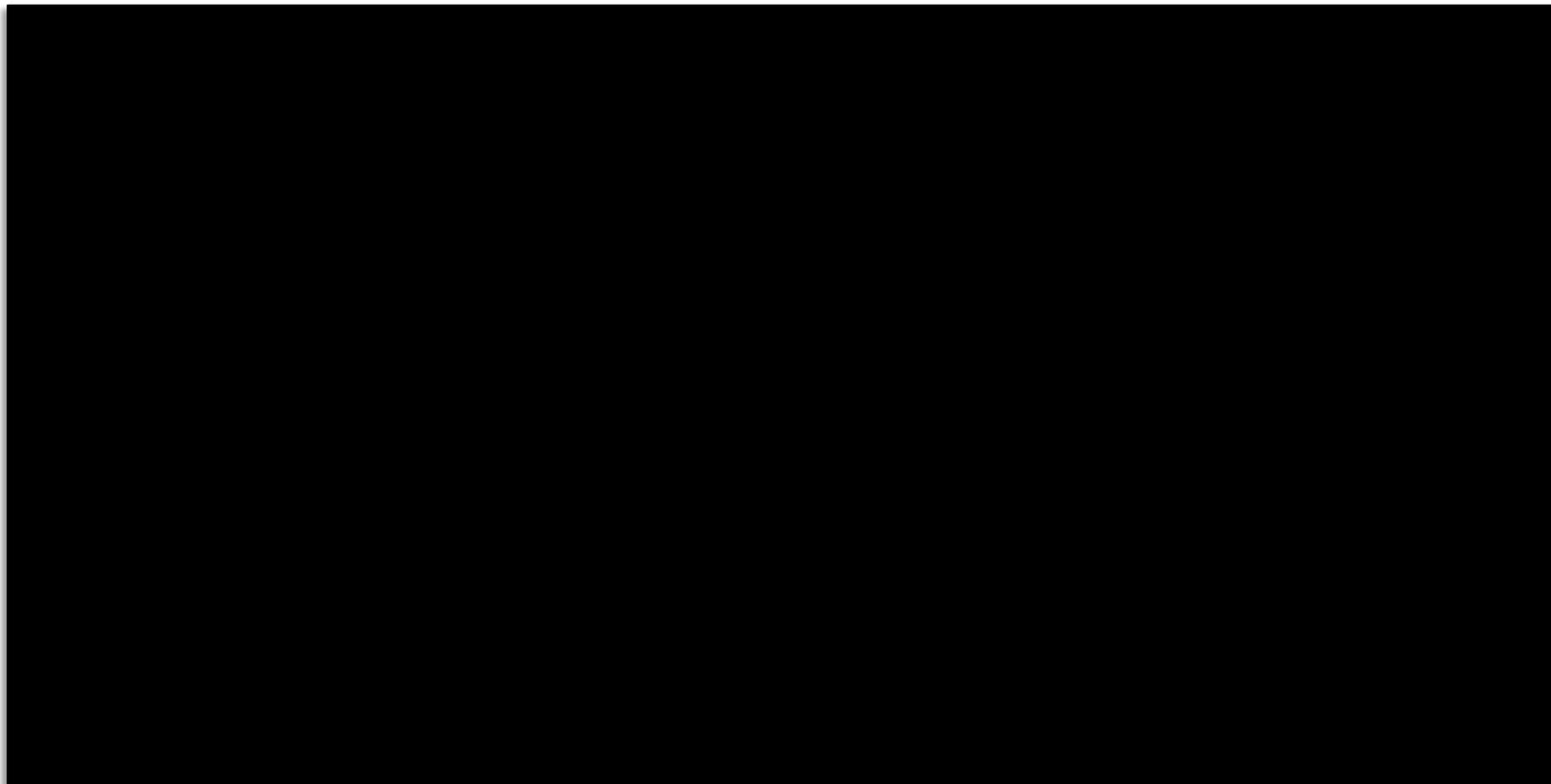
Online dashboard

- Shows regions\*
- Illustrates phases
- Filters to Calhoun County

[www.mistartmap.info](http://www.mistartmap.info)

**Note:** the data projected on this dashboard lags behind the real-time data provided by CCPHD throughout this JIC discussion and online. Some variations may occur.

\*Calhoun County is part of the Kalamazoo Region



# Phases of Reopening



**3 PHASE THREE: FLATTENING**

**KEY REMINDERS**

- Don't gather
- Social distance
- Wear face coverings

**WHAT THE PUBLIC CAN EXPECT IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS**

- Buildings closed to public
- Appointments required for many essential services
- All visitors must wear face coverings
- 6-foot social distancing is required
- Visitor screening form may be required

**WHAT EMPLOYEES CAN EXPECT IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS**

- Limit non-essential visitors
- Host virtual meetings when possible
- Do not share offices, tools, equipment
- Minimize personal and business travel
- Remote work arrangements are encouraged where feasible
- Daily employee self-screening is required for in-person reporting
- Employees must wear face coverings in public spaces and where they cannot maintain 6-feet of distance from others

**MOVING FORWARD SAFELY → 4**

- Improved testing & contact tracing
- Case growth declining
- Healthcare capacity protected

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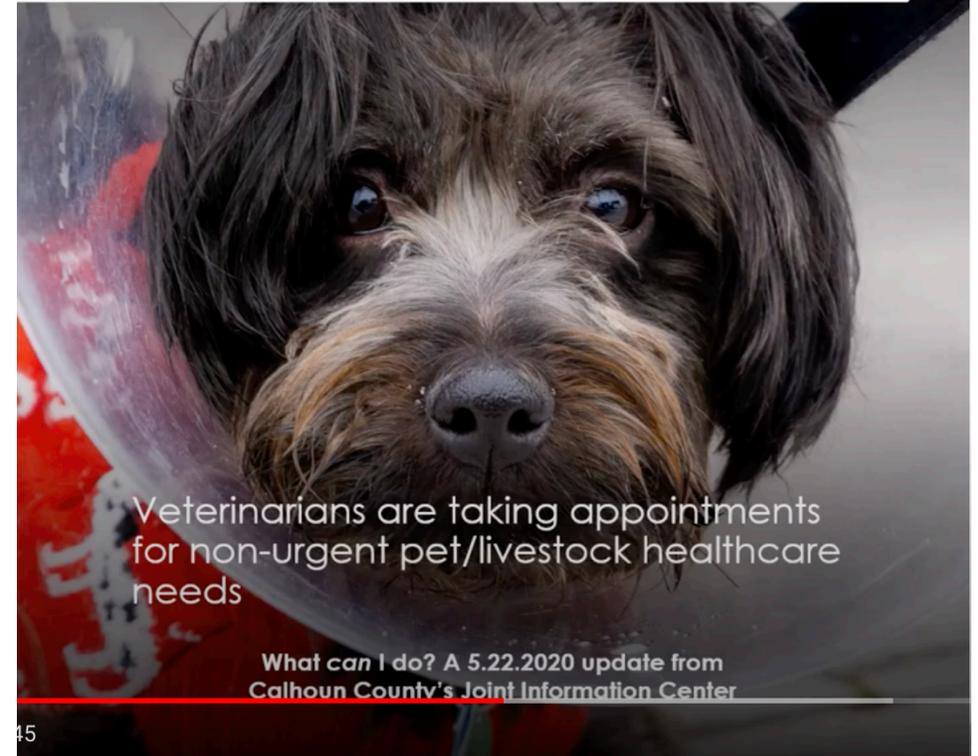
Government buildings closed to the public  
Face coverings required  
Remote work arrangements encouraged  
Daily employee screening required for in-person reporting

# Calhoun County Safe Start

In past, we've had a slide about allowable activities with governor's recent orders. We put together a slideshow that covers some of those. (1:45)

[youtu.be/ChsuCHngINw](https://youtu.be/ChsuCHngINw)

## Vet Appointments





# Changes to Calhoun County JIC Schedule

Starting next week, June 1, Calhoun County Joint Information Center briefings will occur:

- Mondays via email
- Wednesdays via Zoom call (this briefing)
- Thursdays via email, as necessary

Anyone can sign up for JIC briefing emails at [calhouncountymi.gov](http://calhouncountymi.gov)



# Law Enforcement Update – Sheriff Steven Hinkley

## Corrections Update

0 Positive Cases Inside The Facility

2 Positive Have Recovered

96 Inmates Tested – Statewide Initiative

## E.O. 2020-101

Executive Order Extending Validity of Existing Watercraft Registration



# Law Enforcement Update – Sheriff Steven Hinkley

## Summer Water Safety

### Holiday Weekend – 5 River Rescues

Some river systems are high due to the influx of recent rain which means fast-moving water and obscured dangers such as fallen trees that were once visible, now hidden from view. The two combined can mean a suddenly capsized boat.

*As such we strongly recommend avoiding the river systems at this time.*



# Water Safety Tips – Sheriff Steven Hinkley

- Wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket. Choose one that matches your adventure, be it boating, fishing, hunting, or watersports.
- Check safety equipment and make sure your boat has items like throwable flotation devices and fire extinguishers.
- Use an engine cutoff device. An engine cutoff is a safety device that will stop the boat's engine if the operator should fall overboard unexpectedly.
- Keep an eye on the weather. Always check the weather forecast before departing onto the water and during the excursion.
- Be aware of your surroundings. According to the National Safe Boating Council, nearly one-quarter of all boating accidents in 2018 were caused by operator inattention or improper lookout.
- Always travel at a safe speed. Know your local boating speed zones and travel at a prudent speed.
- Keep in mind the high water levels on inland lakes. With heavy rainfalls some lakes are higher than normal which can mean damage to property. The operator of a vessel is not only responsible for the vessel but the wake or swell caused by it during reckless or negligent operation.
- Never boat under the influence. Boating under the influence is involved in one-third of all recreational boating fatalities. Deputies will be out on the water and will be vigilant for boaters operating while intoxicated. This is a reminder that the legal limit for the vessel operator is .08 and if you operate a boat while over the limit you are subject to arrest for the safety of others on the water.



# Business Update – Kara Beer

All businesses are required to have a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. Must submit via website, internal network, or hard copy within 2 weeks of resuming in-person activities

- **Albion:** Today holding Small Business Opening Discussion about using outdoor spaces
- **Battle Creek:** BCU has provided \$1.6M in direct support to 161 small businesses and non-profits in Battle Creek
- **Marshall:** Have received donations of masks for local businesses, developing marketing plan about reopening



# Updates from Elected Officials – Future JICs

On future JIC briefings, we will provide updates from elected officials

We ask that information elected officials would like to share is sent to the PIOs by 5 p.m., the day before the briefing

Please send info to Lucy Blair, [LBlair@calhouncountymi.gov](mailto:LBlair@calhouncountymi.gov)



# Comments from Elected Officials

Senator Bizon

Representative Haadsma

Representative Hall

County Elected Officials

Tribal Elected Officials

City Elected Officials

Township Elected Officials

Village Elected Officials



# Best Information Sources

Calhoun County Government and Public Health Department

[calhouncountymi.gov](http://calhouncountymi.gov)

- Visit county site to sign up for all JOC press releases

City of Battle Creek, COVID-19 page

[battlecreekmi.gov/coronavirus](http://battlecreekmi.gov/coronavirus)

State of Michigan, COVID-19 page

[michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://michigan.gov/coronavirus)

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus)



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