



# **Calhoun County Joint Information Center**

Wednesday, May 6, 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

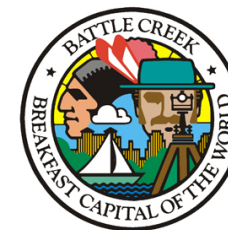
Rebecca Fleury, Battle Creek City Manager

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

Current Situation - Pessell  
Calhoun County by Zip Code - Pessell  
Confirmed Cases - Pessell  
Hospitals - Pessell  
Percent positive and total tests - Pessell  
Activities - Scott and Fleury  
Start Safe - Scott  
Current Challenges - Fleury

United Way Disaster Relief - Fleury  
Community Action - Pessell  
COVID is still in our community - Pessell  
Recent Resources - Taft  
Law Enforcement Update - Hinkley  
Business Update - Beer  
Comments from Representatives-Open to  
Elected Officials or their representatives



# Current Situation

As of Noon, Wednesday, May 6:

There are **249** positive cases of COVID-19 in Calhoun County

There are **17** deaths reported

There are **62** 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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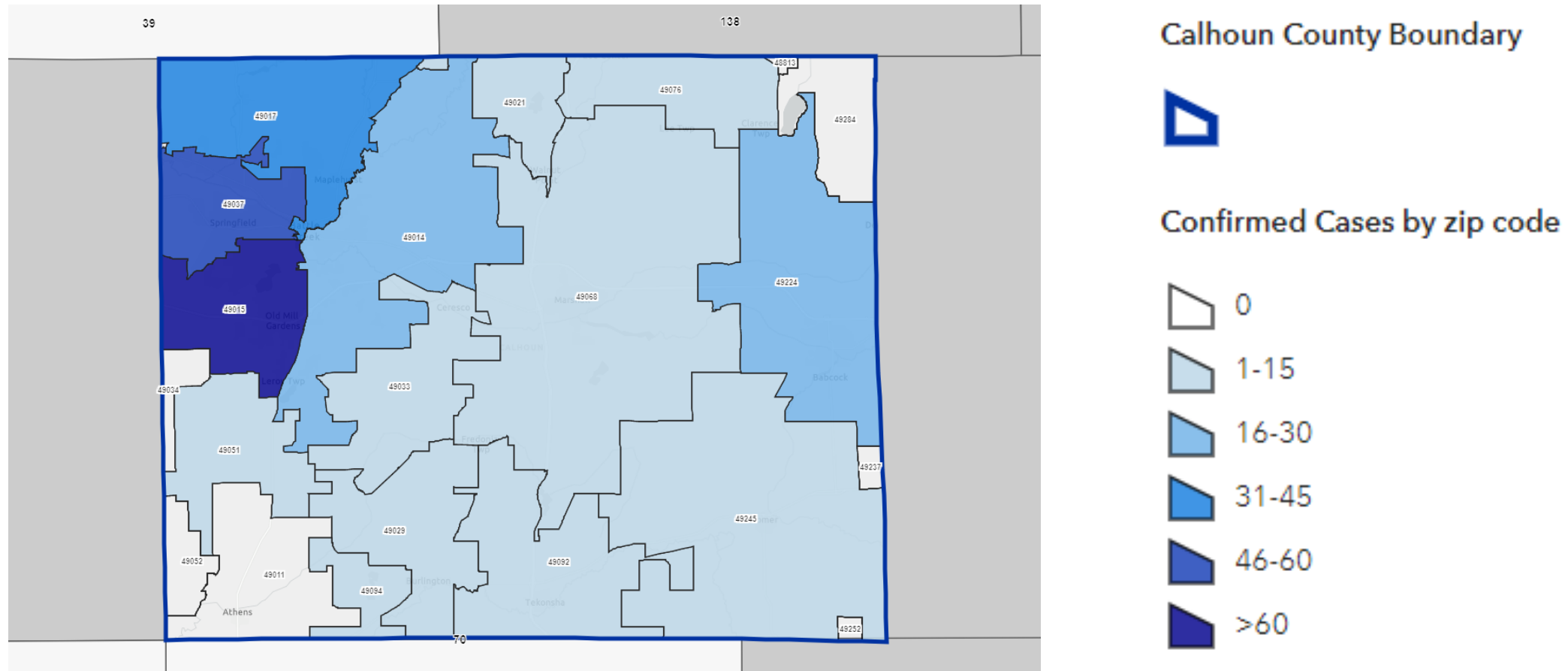
There are **8** persons currently hospitalized in Calhoun County

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

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

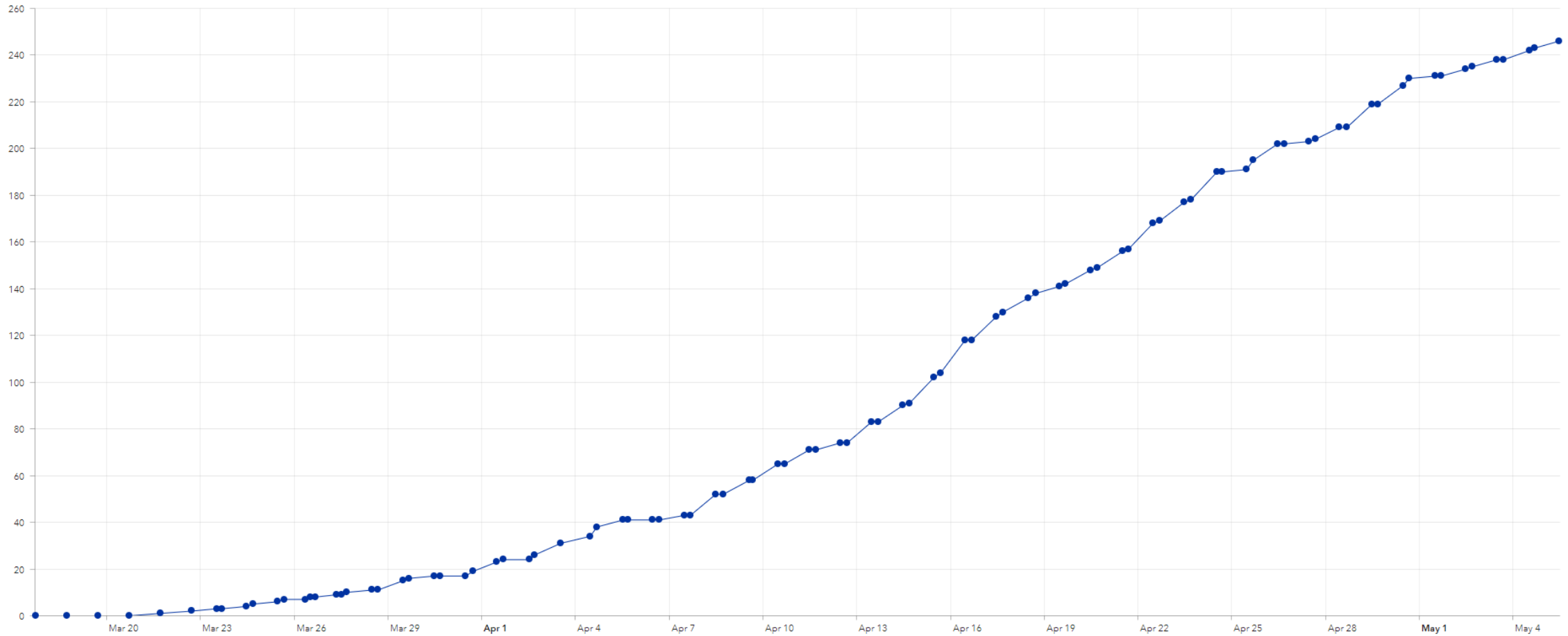
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# Calhoun County by Zip Code *updated 5/5/20*



# Calhoun Confirmed Cases

*updated 5/5/20*





# Calhoun County Hospitals

## Beds and Ventilator Tracking

Med/Surg Beds: standard hospital beds

CCU Beds: Critical Care Unit beds

updated 5/5/20

Resources Included:



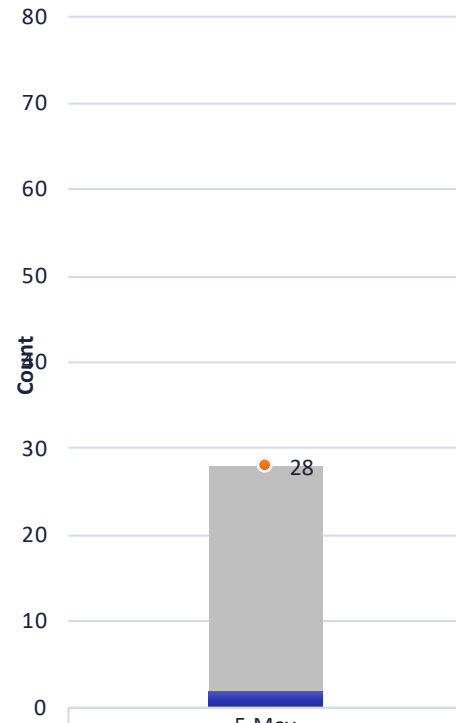
**Note:** VA is Currently Non-COVID-19 Care.





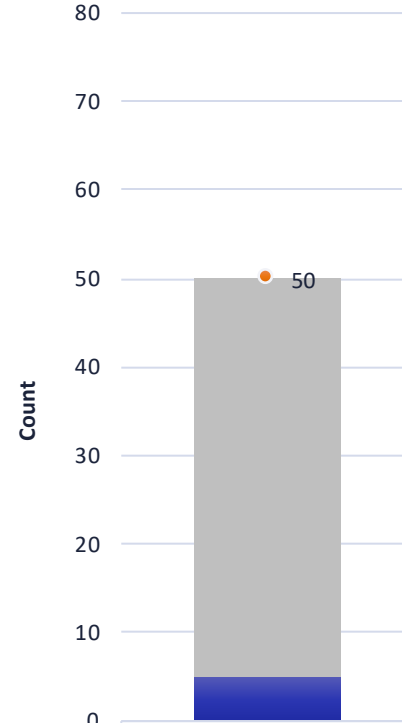
Included: BBC & Oaklawn; VA is Currently Non-COVID Care *updated 5/5/20*

## Ventilator Tracking



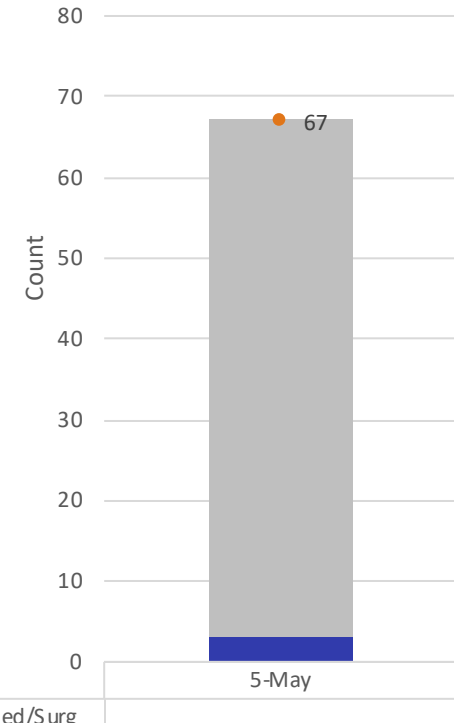
Vents Available	26
COVID-19 Patients on Vents	2
Total Vents	28

## CCU Bed Tracking



CCU Beds Available	45
COVID-19 CCU Patients	5
Total CCU Beds	50

## Med/Surg Beds Tracking

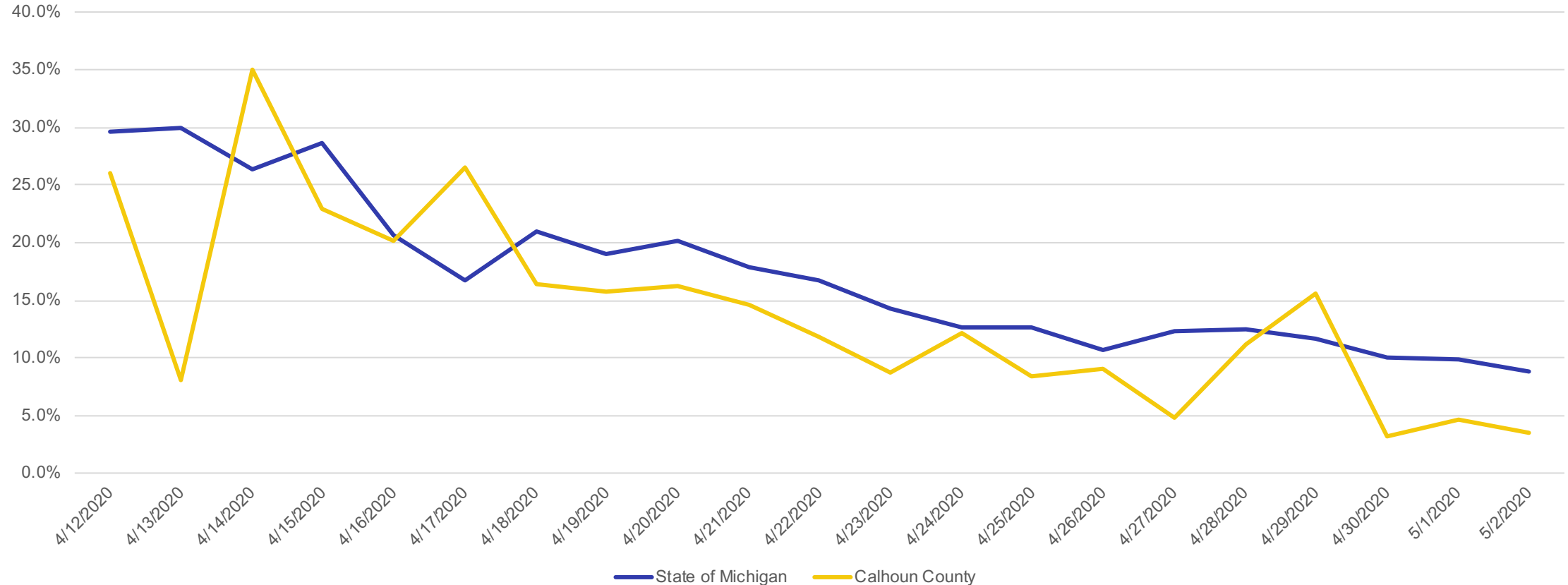


Med/Surg Beds Available	64
COVID-19 Med/Surg Patients	3
Total Med/Surg Beds	67





# Percent Positive Tests for COVID-19 Disease, Calhoun County and State of Michigan *updated 5/6/20*

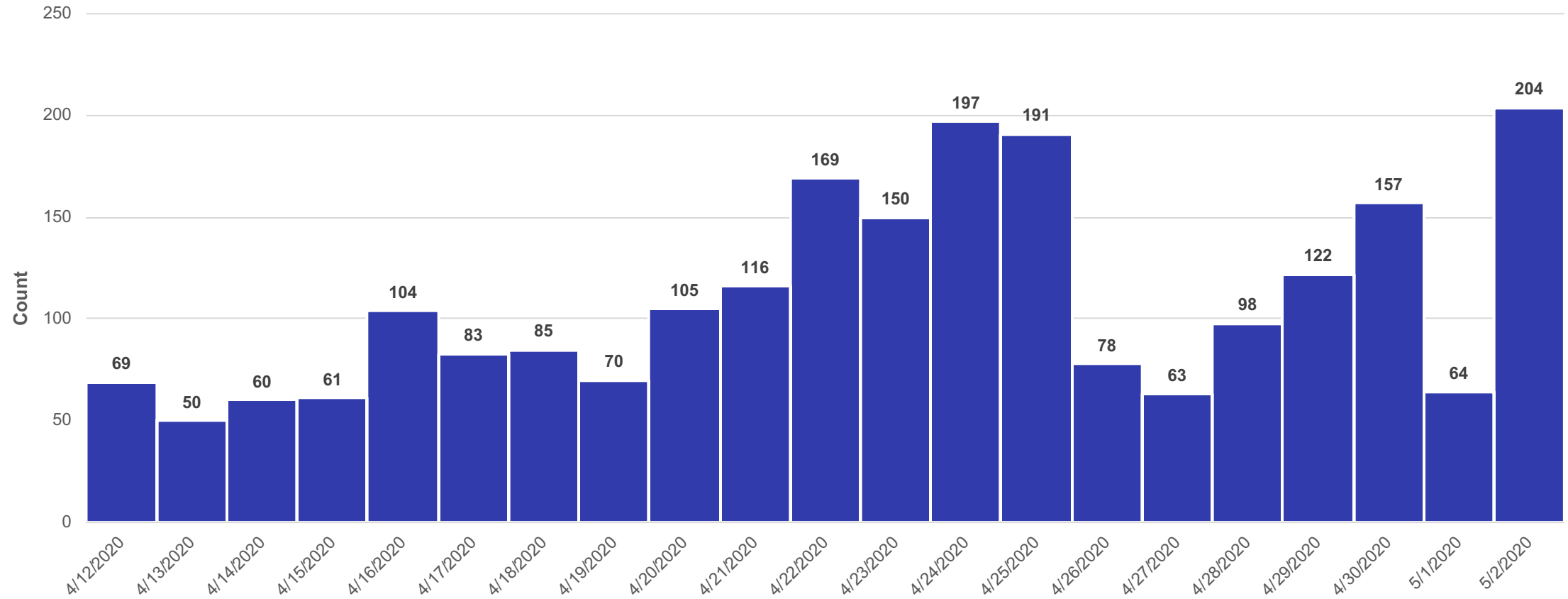


**Source:** Michigan Department of Health and Human Services & MAG



# Tests by Message Date, Calhoun County Residents

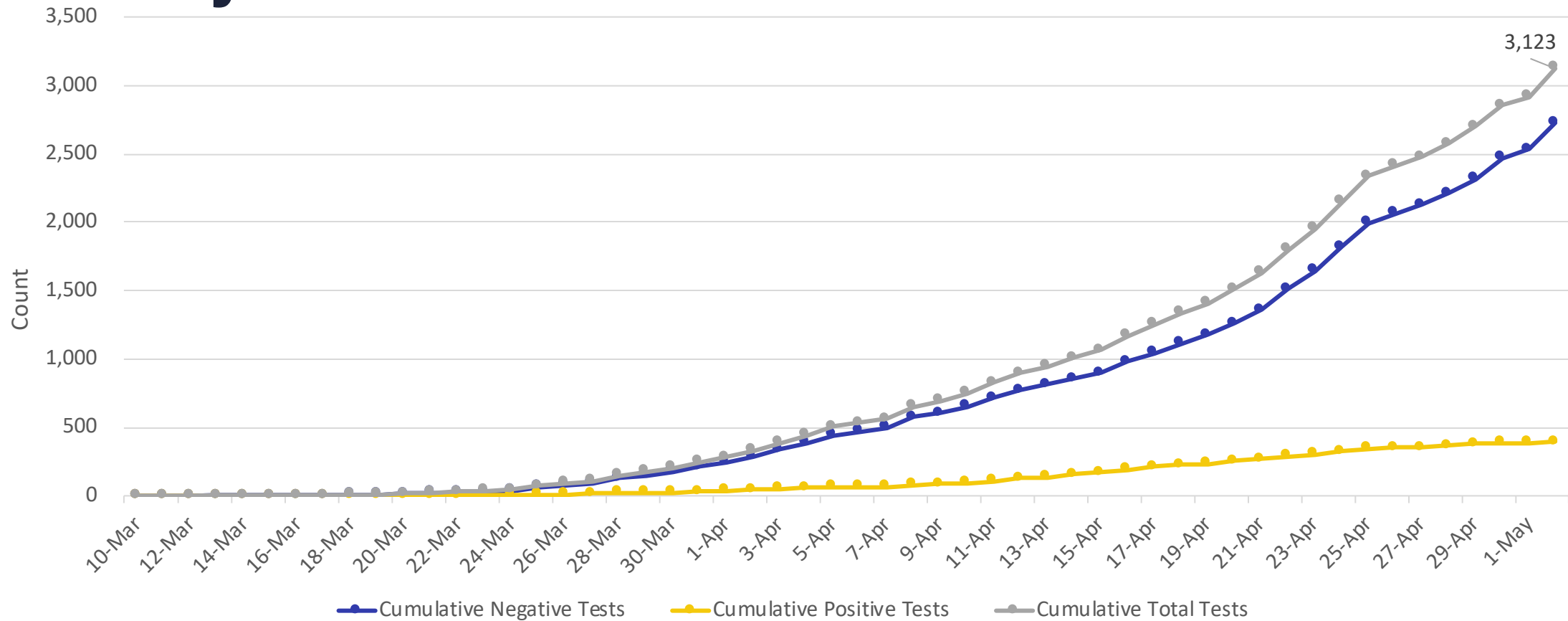
*updated 5/6/20*





# Cumulative Tests by Message Date, Calhoun County Residents

*updated 5/6/20*





# Joint Operations Center - Activities

Developing a reopening strategy for Calhoun County, with ongoing guidance from state

Governments preparing for departmental reopenings after May 18, limited access to buildings, more info to come

Battle Creek Response Consortium holding calls for local non-profits about Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP)

FEMA funding webinars take place for our region on May 7 at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

# Calhoun START SAFE Plan *Information available as of 5.5.2020\**

## Critical actions:



Wear a mask over nose and mouth when you go out; businesses may deny entry without it

«6'»

Workers and visitors stay six feet apart



Increase cleaning standards



Restrict workers to only those necessary

## Activities starting safely:



Outdoor Recreation – walking, hiking, biking, boating, golfing



Carryout, delivery, curbside pickup of goods



Garden stores, lawn care, pest control



Bike maintenance & repair



Moving/storage operations



Construction/Real Estate/  
Outdoor work **[MAY 7]**

**\*Governor Whitmer** is expected to provide additional state-wide guidance for safely opening businesses in the coming days.



# Current Challenges

Impact to local government budgets

- Layoffs and furlough
- Assessing funding sources



# United Way Disaster Relief Fund

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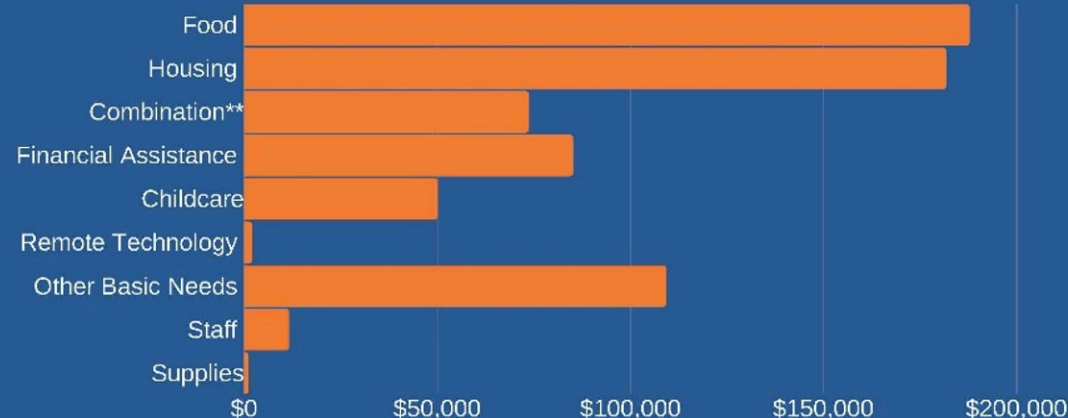
### Battle Creek Expenditures

Total raised: \$782,369

Total dispersed: \$701,386

As of May 4, 2020

### Areas of Need Funded



\*\*Combination includes funding for staffing, food and other supplies necessary to keep a critical organization running

### Agencies funded:

- Battle Creek Family YMCA
- Burma Center
- Calhoun County
- Calhoun ISD
- Disability Network Southwest Michigan
- Neighborhoods Inc. Battle Creek
- Senior Services
- SHARE Center
- South Michigan Food Bank
- Summit Pointe
- The Haven of Rest
- VOCES
- and others...

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# Joint Operations Center – Community Action

Watch AccessVision segment with Health Officer Eric Pessell and Medical Director Dr. Nettleton

- <http://accessvision.tv/file/18608>

It's crucial that people continue to stay home as much as possible because the virus is still in our community





# COVID-19 Virus: Still in Our Community

*Exposure to COVID-19 is possible whenever you are out in public places like stores, parks, and businesses, or if someone you live with has not followed guidance and returns home after they themselves have been exposed. Continue doing your part by following CDC guidance:*

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is not available, use a hand sanitizer with 60% or greater alcohol content to kill the virus.
- Wearing gloves protects you from getting the virus on your hands, but if while wearing those gloves you handle food or touch your face, you can still transfer the virus to your body.
  - If you are wearing gloves to prepare meals, they need to be **changed between every meal**.
  - If you have worn gloves to visit a public space, **dispose of them** BEFORE reentering your car or your home.
- **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, and mouth as this can transfer the virus from your hands to places where it can get into your body and infect you with COVID-19.
- **Clean and disinfect** frequently-touched objects and surfaces like doorknobs and handles. This includes shopping baskets and carts.
- **Wear a cloth face-covering** in public. This protects others from you should you be a carrier of the virus who does not have any symptoms.
- **Practice social distancing** by staying 6' from others when you must be in public spaces.
- **Stay home** whenever possible.

**STAY HOME.**  
**STAY SAFE. SAVE LIVES.**

**remains in effect until May 15.**



## Recent News from Summit Pointe – Meghan Taft

Summit Pointe recently received a \$3.9M grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Follow Summit Pointe on Facebook for information and LOTS of resources



# Law Enforcement Update – Sheriff Steven Hinkley

Scams targeting the fears of citizens at this time, be careful with cyber security

Recognition this week:

- National Correctional Officers Week (this week)
- National Nurses Day – May 6 (today)

**First job title:**  
**Favorite Food:**  
**Favorite Color:**  
**First Pet's Name:**  
**First Child's Name:**  
**Favorite Restaurant:**  
**Where Are You From:**  
**Favorite Singer/Band:**  
**Mother's Maiden Name:**  
**First Type of Car:**  
**First Job:**  
**First Met Your Significant Other:**  
**High School Mascot:**

**STOP  
GIVING  
PEOPLE  
YOUR  
PERSONAL  
INFORMATION  
TO  
GUESS  
YOUR  
PASSWORDS  
AND  
SECURITY  
QUESTIONS**

These games seem like fun, but could have dangerous consequences. Don't fill out these surveys online.



# Business Update – Kara Beer

According to Governor Whitmer, businesses must have a Preparedness and Response Plan in place to reopen, summarizing COVID-19 precautionary measures.

Looking for face masks for your employees? Graphix 2 Go can source them for you.

- Be Healthy Battle Creek Face Masks (\$7.50 each) - <http://believeinbc.graphix2gostoreonline.com/product/557061>



# Business Update – Kara Beer, cont.

Local company Eurofins can test for SARS-CoV2 in facilities. The company sends a sampling kit to the business, they run a swab over a potentially contaminated area (door handles for example), and send these swabs back to the lab for analysis.

- For info, contact Charles Bogenberger, Business Unit Manager- Battle Creek, Michigan| [charlesbogenberger@eurofinsus.com](mailto:charlesbogenberger@eurofinsus.com) (269)-243-5946

Battle Creek Unlimited is offering a COVID-19 Microgrant program. Applications are due Monday, May 11. This is available to companies and non-profits in Battle Creek, Springfield, and Emmett, Bedford and Pennfield Townships. This program continues to grow with donations from,

- \$200,000 from the Consumers Energy Foundation
- \$75,000 from BCU
- \$75,000 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF)





# Michigan COVID-19 Business Response Center

- State & Federal Government Updates
- Construction Sites Best Practices
- Industrial Facilities Best Practices
- & More

[www.blmcovid19.com](http://www.blmcovid19.com)

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# Updates from Elected Officials – Future JICs

On all 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](https://calhouncountymi.gov)

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

City of Battle Creek, COVID-19 page

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

State of Michigan, COVID-19 page

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

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

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



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