

**March 31, 2020**

**New COVID-19 Cases  
Reported 1,117**

**New COVID-19 Deaths  
Reported 75**

**Total COVID-19 Cases  
to Date 7,615**

**Total COVID-19 Deaths  
to Date 259**



➤ **MDE To Request Federal Waiver for Child Nutrition Programs**

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced today it will request a federal waiver of statutory and regulatory requirements in the Child Nutrition Programs, in accordance with federal guidance. The Michigan Department of Education is requesting the waiver on behalf of all Child Nutrition Program sponsors determined to be in good standing in the state of Michigan. “The need for nutritious meals does not take a break during a public health emergency such as COVID-19,” said State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice. “In fact, the need for healthy meals heightens due to factors beyond the control of Michigan families. Allowance of additional sites will ensure that children who receive meals from these programs have access to the nutrition that is needed.” For more information:

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163-523835--,00.html>

➤ **MI AG Nessel Says Protecting First Responders is Critical - and Legal**

With the heightened fear of being exposed to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) combined with a general belief that HIPAA laws prevent disclosing certain protected information, Michigan’s first responders can be assured that critical health information needed to protect them can and will be shared. The issue arose following a concern from first responders that they lacked sufficient information about those who have tested positive with COVID-19 to protect themselves when they respond to calls for assistance from members of the community. In response, they reached out to the Attorney General’s office for guidance. “Protecting the health and safety of our first responders is essential,” Attorney General Dana Nessel said, “and it is why the HIPAA privacy rule allows certain covered entities – like a health department – to disclose information about individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 under certain, limited circumstances, like the one presented here by our first responders.” For more information:

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163-523817--,00.html>

➤ **Over 2,000 Michigan Companies Hiring Now**

Michigan companies need to fill thousands of critical, immediate vacancies to support work during the COVID-19 pandemic, including those in logistics, healthcare, manufacturing and agribusiness industries. The State's employment search engine - Pure Michigan Talent Connect - provides job seekers and employers with an online portal at [MiTalent.org](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163-523761--,00.html) to post, search and connect to these job openings. Thousands of new jobs are being posted to [MiTalent.org](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163-523761--,00.html) each day. Employers looking to hire during the COVID-19 pandemic should use the [COVID-19 On-Demand Hiring Intake Form](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163-523761--,00.html) to ensure their postings appear in the search results. For more information: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163-523761--,00.html>

➤ **NOW IS THE TIME**

Michigan needs you. Your fellow Americans need you. Help us save lives.

We are especially calling on health care professionals who can volunteer their expertise.

You can make a difference to fight and slow the spread of COVID-19 ... to deliver life-saving care to someone suffering and in pain ... to deliver hope to the person who feels alone.

All Michiganders can volunteer their compassion and commitment to fighting this virus, and saving health and lives. Your time, talent and donations will have an impact now.

Visit this link often [https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_98811---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98811---,00.html) additional opportunities will continue to be added as needs are identified.