



**County of Hillsdale
COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan**

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Model COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan

In order to respond to the current state of emergency related to the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) and to comply with relevant state and local orders related to COVID-19, the County of Hillsdale has prepared the following COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan (“Plan”). This Plan may be updated as this situation evolves or as state or local orders related to COVID-19 are issued or amended.

Essential Workers Necessary to Perform Critical Infrastructure Functions or Conduct Minimum Basic Operations

Executive Order 2020-42 and subsequent Executive Order 2020-59 along with anticipated future Executive Orders, prohibit businesses or operations to operate a business or conduct operations that requires workers to leave their homes except to the extent those workers are necessary to sustain or protect life (*i.e.*, critical infrastructure workers) or to conduct minimum basic operations. Appendix A contains a list of critical infrastructure workers as described by the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency in its March 19, 2020 guidance as well as additional categories of such workers identified by Governor Whitmer in Executive Orders 2020-42 and 2020-59.

Under Executive Orders 2020-42 and 2020-59, along with anticipated future Executive Orders, workers who are necessary to conduct minimum basic operations are “those workers whose in-person presence is strictly necessary to allow the business or operation to maintain the value of inventory and equipment, care for animals, ensure security, process transactions (including payroll and employee benefits), or facilitate the ability of other workers to work remotely.”

Only “critical infrastructure workers” or those required to conduct minimum basic operations may be permitted to perform in-person activities so long as any in-person work is performed consistently with the social distancing and mitigation measures required under any relevant executive order or public health order. Workers designated as critical infrastructure workers or those required to conduct minimum basic operations will be informed of such designations in writing, if so required.

Protective Safety Measures

Sick Leave

Employees are permitted to take paid leave consistent with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the County’s normal sick leave policies. Any onsite employee who appears to have a respiratory illness may be separated from other employees and sent home.

Remote Work

All employees who are not essential to operations, and whose job duties reasonably allow to them telework, will work remotely.

Employee Screening Before Entering the Workplace

A screening questionnaire (See Appendix B) should be completed by all employees before being permitted to enter the workplace. This complies with screening procedures recommended by health professions. Any individual taking employee temperatures will be required to wear appropriate personal protective equipment. If an employee fails the screening process, he or she will be prevented from entering the premises until allowed to return to work under the relevant executive orders or public health orders, which requirements are explained in detail in the Return to Work Plan, attached as Appendix C.

Personal Protective Equipment

The County shall provide and make available to all Critical Infrastructure Workers (CIW) and any worker performing in-person work, personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, goggles, face shields, and face masks as appropriate for the activity being performed by the CIW. Any in-person worker able to medically tolerate a face covering, must wear a covering over his or her nose and mouth when in any enclosed public space.

Enhanced Social Distancing

Supervisors will direct employees to perform their work in such a way so as to reasonably avoid coming within six feet of other individuals. Where possible, employees may be relocated or provided additional resources in order to avoid shared use of offices, desks, telephones, and tools/equipment. The number of employees permitted in any break room or lunch room shall be limited to ensure social distancing restrictions can be followed. Employees should remain in their assigned work areas as much as possible. Employees will be provided with appropriate personal protective equipment as required and physical barriers may be installed for employees commensurate with their level of risk of exposure to COVID-19 and as appropriate.

Enhanced Hygiene

Employees are instructed to wash their hands frequently, to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissue, and to avoid touching their faces. Employees will be provided with access to places to frequently wash hands or to access hand sanitizer. Employees will also be provided with access to tissues and to places to properly dispose of them. Signs regarding proper hand washing methods will be posted in all restrooms. Hand shaking is also prohibited to ensure good hand hygiene.

Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfecting

Increased cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces, equipment, and other elements of the work environment will be performed regularly using products containing EPA-approved disinfectants. Employees will be provided with access to disposable disinfectant wipes, when they are available, so that any commonly used surfaces can be wiped down before each use. In the absence of disinfectant wipes, approved disinfecting sprays and paper towels will be used. In the event that an employee that has been in the workplace in the past 14 days tests positive for COVID-19, a deep cleaning of that person's work station and immediate area will be conducted by custodial staff prior to opening the next business day.

Tools and Equipment

The County limits the sharing of tools and equipment among in-person employees. Should any sharing of tools be required, employees must disinfect and clean each tool or piece of equipment following their use of same and before any other employee uses the tool or piece of equipment. The County will provide employees with disinfectant wipes and other disinfecting products for this purpose.

Visitors

No visitors should be allowed in the workplace unless they are deemed essential to address an issue related to critical infrastructure functions. All visitors entering the building shall be screened prior to entering the building. A screening questionnaire should be utilized to decide if the visitor can enter the building. If a visitor presents with symptoms of COVID-19 or answers yes to any of the screening questions do not allow them into the building. Provide visitor handout regarding what to do if you might have COVID-19.

The County requires that any member of the public able to medically tolerate a face covering must wear a covering over his or her nose and mouth, such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana or handkerchief, while in any enclosed public space.

Employees with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

Suspected Cases

An employee will be considered to have a Suspected Case of COVID-19 if:

- They are experiencing any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:
 - Fever;
 - Shortness of breath; and/or
 - Continuous cough.OR
- They are experiencing at least two of the following symptoms:
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat and/or
 - New loss of taste or smell
- They have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person, meaning:
 - An immediate family member has tested positive for or exhibited symptoms of COVID-19; or
 - In the last 14 days, the employee came in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If an employee believes that he or she qualifies as a Suspected Case (as described above), he or she must:

- Immediately notify supervisor and/or their Department Head;
- Self-quarantine for 14 days; and
- Seek immediate medical care or advice.

If an employee qualifies as a Suspected Case, then the County will:

- Notify all employees who may have come into close contact (being within approximately six feet for a prolonged period of time without PPE) with the employee in the past 14 days (while not disclosing the identity of the employee to ensure the individual's privacy); and
- Ensure that the employee's work area is thoroughly cleaned.

Confirmed Cases

An employee will be considered a Confirmed Case of COVID-19 if the employee has been performing in-person operations in the past 14 days and that person tested positive for COVID-19.

If an employee believes that he or she qualifies as a Confirmed Case (as described above), he or she must:

- Immediately notify supervisor and/or their Department Head of his or her diagnosis; and
- Remain out of the workplace until they are cleared to return to work.

If an employee qualifies as a Confirmed Case, then the County will:

- Notify all employees who may have come into close contact with the employee (being within approximately six feet for a prolonged period of time without PPE) in the past 14 days (while not disclosing the identity of the employee to ensure the individual's privacy);
- Ensure that the entire workplace, or affected parts thereof (depending on employee's presence in the workplace), is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected;
- If necessary, close the work area or workplace, until all necessary cleaning and disinfecting is completed; and
- Communicate with employees about the presence of a confirmed case, the cleaning/disinfecting plans, and when the workplace will reopen.

Business Continuity Plans

The COVID-19 Workplace Coordinator will: (1) work with management to cross-train employees to perform essential functions so the workplace can operate even if key employees are absent; (2) identify alternate supply chains for critical goods and services in the event of disruption; and (3) develop an emergency communication plan to communicate important messages to employees and constituents.

APPENDIX A

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS

Consistent with the March 19, 2020 CISA guidance document, critical infrastructure workers include some workers in each of the following sectors

- a. Health care and public health.
- b. Law enforcement, public safety, and first responders.
- c. Food and agriculture.
- d. Energy.
- e. Water and wastewater.
- f. Transportation and logistics.
- g. Public works.
- h. Communications and information technology, including news media.
- i. Other community-based government operations and essential functions.
- j. Critical manufacturing.
- k. Hazardous materials.
- l. Financial services.
- m. Chemical supply chains and safety.
- n. Defense industrial base.

For purposes of Executive Order 2020-42 and Executive Order 2020-59, critical infrastructure workers also include¹:

- a. Child care workers (including workers at disaster relief child care centers), but only to the extent necessary to serve the children or dependents of workers required to perform in-person work as permitted under this order. This category includes individuals (whether licensed or not) who have arranged to care for the children or dependents of such workers.

¹ Under Executive Orders 2020-42 and 2020-59, necessary government activities may continue, which includes activities performed by critical infrastructure workers as well as the following government activities including, but not limited to, public transit, trash pick-up and disposal (including recycling and composting), activities necessary to manage and oversee elections, operations necessary to enable transactions that support the work of a business's or operation's critical infrastructure workers, and the maintenance of safe and sanitary public parks so as to allow for outdoor activity permitted under Executive Order 2020-42. In-person government activities are subject to the same social distancing and mitigation measures proscribed under the executive order for businesses.

- b. Workers at suppliers, distribution centers, or service providers, as described below.
 - 1. Any suppliers, distribution centers, or service providers whose continued operation is necessary to enable, support, or facilitate another business's or operation's critical infrastructure work may designate their workers as critical infrastructure workers, provided that only those workers whose in-person presence is necessary to enable, support, or facilitate such work may be so designated.
 - 2. Any suppliers, distribution centers, or service providers whose continued operation is necessary to enable, support, or facilitate the necessary work of suppliers, distribution centers, or service providers described in sub-provision (1) of this subsection may designate their workers as critical infrastructure workers, provided that only those workers whose in-person presence is necessary to enable, support, or facilitate such work may be so designated.
 - 3. Consistent with the scope of work permitted under sub-provision (2) of this subsection, any suppliers, distribution centers, or service providers further down the supply chain whose continued operation is necessary to enable, support, or facilitate the necessary work of other suppliers, distribution centers, or service providers may likewise designate their workers as critical infrastructure workers, provided that only those workers whose in-person presence is necessary to enable, support, or facilitate such work may be so designated.
 - 4. Suppliers, distribution centers, and service providers that abuse their designation authority under this subsection shall be subject to sanctions to the fullest extent of the law.
- c. Workers in the insurance industry, but only to the extent that their work cannot be done by telephone or remotely.
- d. Workers and volunteers for businesses or operations (including both religious and secular nonprofit organizations) that provide food, shelter, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals who need assistance as a result of this emergency, and people with disabilities.
- e. Workers who perform critical labor union functions, including those who administer health and welfare funds and those who monitor the well-being and safety of union members who are critical infrastructure workers, provided that any administration or monitoring should be done by telephone or remotely where possible.
- f. Workers at retail stores who sell groceries, medical supplies, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and basic operation of residences, including convenience stores, pet supply stores, auto supplies and repair stores, hardware and home maintenance stores, and home appliance retailers.
- g. Workers at laundromats, coin laundries, and dry cleaners.
- h. Workers at hotels and motels, provided that the hotels or motels do not offer additional in-house amenities such as gyms, pools, spas, dining, entertainment facilities, meeting rooms, or like facilities.
- i. Workers at motor vehicle dealerships who are necessary to facilitate remote and electronic sales or leases, or to deliver motor vehicles to customers, provided that showrooms remain closed to in-person traffic.

APPENDIX B

SAMPLE EMPLOYEE ENTRY SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to access the workplace, I affirm that in the past 24 hours, I have not experienced:

- _____ An atypical cough
- _____ Atypical shortness of breath

Or at least two of the following:

- _____ Fever of 100 degrees F or 37.8 degrees C, or above
- _____ Chills/Repeated Shaking
- _____ Muscle Pain
- _____ Sore Throat
- _____ Headache
- _____ New or Loss of Taste or Smell

If you answer “yes” to any of the symptoms listed above, you will not be permitted access to the premises. Please self-isolate at home and contact your primary care physician for direction.

- You should isolate at home for a minimum of 7 days since symptoms first appear.
- You must also have 3 days without fever and improvement in respiratory symptoms.

In the past 14 days have you:

- _____ Had close contact (within six (6) feet for a prolonged period of time) with someone with a diagnosis of COVID-19?
- _____ Traveled internationally or domestically?

If you answer “yes” to either of these questions, you are not permitted access to the premises. Self-quarantine at home for 14 days.

If “no” to all of the above, please check and sign below and proceed to enter the workplace premises:

_____ I will wear a face covering while in any public spaces within the premises.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPENDIX C

EMPLOYEE RETURN TO WORK PLAN

Consistent with Executive Order 2020-36 and other anticipated future orders, employees who fail entrance screening will only be permitted to return to work under the following circumstances.

Employees who test positive for COVID-19 or display one or more of the principal symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, atypical cough, or atypical shortness of breath) will not be permitted to return to work until either:

1. Both 3 days have passed since their symptoms have resolved *and* 7 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared or since they were swabbed for the test that yielded the positive result; or
2. They receive a negative COVID-19 test.

Employees* who have been in “close contact” (being within approximately six feet for a prolonged period of time) with an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 or who displays one or more of the principal symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to return to work until either:

1. 14 days have passed since the last close contact with the sick or symptomatic individual; or
2. The symptomatic individual receives a negative COVID-19 test.

*The “close contact” rule does not apply to the following classes of workers: health care professionals; workers at a health care facility (including hospitals, surgical centers, health maintenance organizations, nursing homes, hospice, and veteran’s facilities); first responders (*e.g.*, police officers, fire fighters, paramedics); child protective service employees; workers at child caring institutions, as defined in MCL 722.111; and workers at correctional facilities.

APPENDIX D

**SAMPLE VISITOR
COVID-19 SCREENING FORM**

Court/Office Visiting: _____

Visitors Name: _____ Appointment Date: _____ Time In: _____

In the past 24 hours, have you experienced any of the following symptoms:

_____ An atypical cough

_____ Atypical shortness of breath

Or at least two of the following:

_____ Fever of 100 degrees F or 37.8 degrees C, or above

_____ Chills/Repeated Shaking

_____ Muscle Pain

_____ Sore Throat

_____ Headache

_____ New or Loss of Taste or Smell

If visitor answered “yes” to any of the symptoms listed above, visitor is not permitted access to the premises.

In the past 14 days have you:

_____ Had close contact (within six (6) feet for a prolonged period of time) with someone with a diagnosis of COVID-19?

_____ Traveled internationally or domestically?

If visitor answered “yes” to either of these questions, visitor is not permitted access to the premises.

_____ Visitor is required to wear a face covering while in any public spaces within the premises.

Security Officer or Employee:

Contacted Court/Office and informed them the visitor was not allowed into the building.

Date: _____ Time: _____ Spoke to: _____

APPENDIX E
SIGNS FOR BUILDINGS



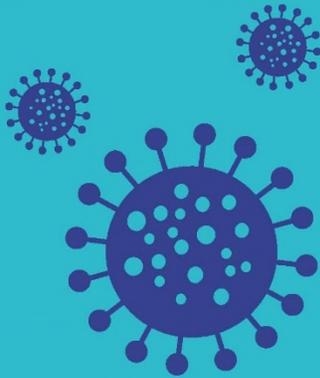
Only Enter This Building If You:

- **Are a healthy visitor**
- **Have an appointment**
- **Are a company employee**

All others:

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, please contact a health care provider.

If you have severe or life-threatening symptoms, please call 911 and proceed to the nearest emergency department.



Keeping Michigan Informed

Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

Symptoms



FEVER



COUGH



BREATHING DIFFICULTY

Prevention—Start With Washing Your Hands



WET HANDS



LATHER



SCRUB: 20 SECONDS



RINSE



DRY HANDS

- Washing your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds is one of the easiest and most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough and sneeze with tissue.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects frequently.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Seeking Care

Call your doctor if you experience symptoms, or our COVID-19 hotline at **616.391.2380** to schedule a free virtual screening.*
If your symptoms are life-threatening, call 911.

**Free screening available for all individuals in the state of Michigan.*

For more information visit spectrumhealth.org/covid19.

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APPENDIX F
OTHER RESOURCES

Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-42 and Executive Order 2020-59:

https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-525182--,00.html

https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-526894--,00.html

FAQs from Governor Whitmer on Executive Order 2020-42 and Executive Order 2020-59:

https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-525278--,00.html

https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-527027--,00.html

Helpful CDC Guidance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

CDC Handwashing Fact Sheet:

<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/pdf/hand-sanitizer-factsheet.pdf>

CDC Fact Sheet and Poster on Preventing the Spread of Germs:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention-H.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs-11x17-en.pdf>

CDC Fact Sheet on What to Do if You Are Sick:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/sick-with-2019-nCoV-fact-sheet.pdf>

CDC Poster for Entrance Reminding Employees Not to Enter When Sick:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stayhomefromwork.pdf>

CDC Guidance on Reopening Businesses:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>

APPENDIX G

**County of Hillsdale
COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN**

Certification by Responsible Public Official

This is to certify that I have reviewed the County of Hillsdale COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan attached hereto and to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. It complies with Michigan Executive Order #2020-42 dated Thursday, April 9, 2020 and Michigan Executive Order 2020-59 dated April 24, 2020.
2. The plan is consistent with the guidance from U. S. Department of Labor, Occupational Health and Safety Administration publication OSHA 3990-03-2020, Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID -19.
3. The plan is available on the County website at www.co.hilldale.mi.us and at each County facility where in-person operations take place during the COVID-19 emergency.
4. This plan will be reviewed as needed by the County Board of Commissioners and may be continued, suspended or eliminated as appropriate based on current considerations.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

This COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan formally adopted at the regular meeting of the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners on May 12, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Wiley, Chair
Board of Commissioners