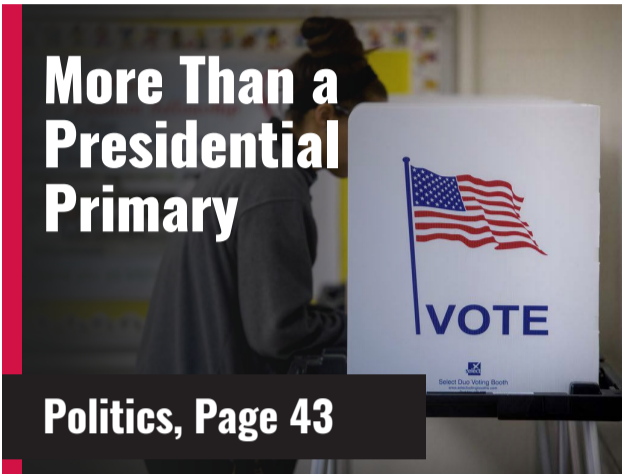


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## Saginaw County School Districts Make Sure No Kid Goes Hungry Amidst School Closures



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SAGINAW, MICHIGAN – Saginaw County school districts are stepping up to ensure kids have access to food as schools prepare for the extended closure. School meals are critical to a student’s well-being because they provide healthy, nutritionally-balanced meals that keep young bodies and minds growing.

“Meals from school programs might be the only hot meals that a student gets to have for the day. Parents and guardians already face other school closure challenges, like finding

child care. It is good to know they have one less problem to solve. Health, as it relates to the Coronavirus, is about more than washing hands for 20 seconds, sanitizing areas, and sneezing into tissues... it is also about getting the proper nutrition in order to fuel our bodies so we can fight off illness,” commented Saginaw ISD Superintendent Dr. Kathy Stewart.

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## Cover Story, Saginaw County School Districts Provides Meals

A list of available meal dates, times, and locations are provided below to help families prepare for the next two weeks. Please keep in mind that during Spring Break week (March 30 - April 3) many families may need to utilize Food Pantries, Food Banks, and Soup Kitchens.

Beginning Monday, March 16th and made available through Friday, March 27th, the following districts will have lunches:

- **Birch Run:** Providing drive by lunch starting Wednesday, March 18 through Friday, March 27 from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Marshall Greene Middle School.
- **Bridgeport:** Bus routes will distribute food (two breakfasts and two lunches) once daily between 11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on M, W, and F with on-site pickup between 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Atkins Elementary gym entrance. Home delivery options also available in special cases. Families may use the bus app, FIRSTVIEW, to track their child's bus route for exact delivery times.
- **Carrollton:** Pending Logistics
- **Chesaning:** Bus Routes will distribute food once daily M-F.
- **Frankenmuth:** Pending Logistics
- **Freeland:** Grab and Go Available M-F from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Freeland Elementary School located at 710 Powley Dr. (Back of the building.)
- **Hemlock:** Grab and Go Available M-F from 10-12 p.m. at Hemlock Middle School located at 525 North Maple Street.
- **Merrill:** Offering Meal Boxes for families to pick up or have delivered at the beginning of each week to provide meals for the whole week. For details please email: monk.beth@merrillschools.org or call (989) 643-7261.

**Saginaw City:** Beginning Monday, March 16th Saginaw Public Schools will be serving

students ages 18 and under. Cold breakfast will be distributed at each site from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m Monday through Friday. Hot lunch will be distributed from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m at each site. A cold lunch can be picked up during the breakfast hours if this is more convenient than returning to receive the hot lunch. Also, cold breakfasts and lunches will be distributed at each site from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The distribution sites are below:

Bridgeton Place Townhomes  
359 Vestry Drive  
Saginaw MI 48601

Birch Park Apartments  
3000 Birch Park Place  
Saginaw MI 48601

Arthur Eddy Elementary School  
1000 Cathay Street  
Saginaw MI 48601

Stone Elementary School  
1006 State Street  
Saginaw MI 48602

Herig Elementary  
1905 Houghton Street  
Saginaw MI 48602

Thompson Middle School  
3021 Court Street  
Saginaw MI 48602

Loomis Elementary School  
2001 Limerick Street  
Saginaw MI 48601

Jessie Rouse School  
435 Randolph Street  
Saginaw MI 48601

To assure that every student has the opportunity to eat, meals will also be taken to area neighborhoods via school buses. The buses will stop at the following sites seven days a week and deliver both a cold breakfast and lunch for each student.

### Saginaw City Route 1:

Longfellow Elementary School- 10:15 a.m.  
1314 Brown Street  
Saginaw MI 48601

Henry Doerr Elementary School- 10:30 a.m.  
3270 Perkins Street 48601  
Saginaw MI 48601

Heavenrich Elementary School- 10:45 a.m.  
2435 Perkins Street  
Saginaw MI 48601

Houghton Elementary School- 11:00 a.m.  
1604 Johnson Street  
Saginaw MI 48601

Zilwaukee Elementary School- 11:20 a.m.  
500 West Johnson Street  
Saginaw MI 48604

### Saginaw City Route 2:

Jerome Elementary School- 10:15 a.m.  
1515 Sweet Street  
Saginaw MI 48602

Coulter Elementary School- 10:30 a.m.  
1450 Bridgeton Road  
Saginaw MI 48601

Nelle Haley Elementary School- 10:45 a.m.  
3240 Livingston Street  
Saginaw MI 48601

Longstreet Elementary School- 11:00 a.m.  
504 Carroll Street  
Saginaw MI 48601

Jones Elementary School- 11:15 a.m.  
1602 Cherry Street  
Saginaw MI 48601

- Saginaw Township: Information on resources to be delivered next week.
- St. Charles: Meals delivered by bus or available at school; first delivery on Wednesday; supplying for multiple days; delivering twice a week.
- Swan Valley: Pending Logistics

The schedule above is subject to change, so please monitor your local school district's social media page for schedule information. To view the Google food resource map for Saginaw County, visit: <https://goo.gl/maps/aM9nBuwAPUCBtLuB7>.



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# MICHIGAN YOUTH BANNER

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*Corey Pritchett MA, CPS (c) AKA Mr. Clark*

Welcome back to “Navigating the Narrative w/ Mr. Clark” presented to you by your friendly “Neighborhood Hope Dealer” C. Pritchett. As discussed in the last article, our ultimate goal (as we present information and insight into youth development) will be renewing the minds of adults towards “youth” and raising the expectations of “youth” among themselves to be more responsible for themselves and towards their fellow man, referring to those who are in their community i.e. neighbors, peers, etc. The final aspect of our ultimate goal is to raise the expectations of youth being accountable for being the “progenitors” (a person or thing from which a person is descended or originates; an ancestor or parent) for the future of this nation

To achieve this goal we have to begin to explore the minds and hearts of the youth as well as observe the various behaviors demonstrated by them on a daily basis in connection with various relevant factors such, as family dynamics, their environment within the home as well as their neighborhoods/ surrounding areas, childhood experiences, etc. In reflection, during the last article we

discussed how homicide is a crime that can have a deep and lasting impact on the victim’s family, friends and all other people that it touches. In addition to this we explored the reality of how people can feel further distressed by having to deal with the police, the media, the Coroner and the courts. We would like to further explore this matter of homicide and its impact on individuals within a community. We will continue examining aspects of homicide/gun violence and its impact. Statistics show firearm homicides are the leading cause of death for ‘Blacks’ between the ages of 1 and 44. According to the Violence Policy Center, ‘Blacks,’ who make up about 14 percent of the U.S. population, represent nearly 52 percent of all homicide victims, with 85 percent of those homicides by guns. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention emphasize that ‘Blacks’ are 10 times more likely than whites to die from gun homicides; and black children and teens are 14 times more likely than their ‘white’ counterparts to die from gun homicides. In Maryland, for every 100,000 people, seven white people and 23 black people died from firearms in 2017.

Gun violence is a national concern and is considered a major public health crisis. Here are more facts regarding gun violence:

- More than 100,000 people are shot each year
- People between the ages of 15 and 24 are most likely to be targeted by gun violence as opposed to other forms of violence.
- From 1976 to 2005, 77 percent of homicide victims ages 15-17 died from gun-related injuries.
- Gun homicides are responsible for most firearm deaths among ‘Blacks’ and Hispanic-Americans, whereas gun suicides account for most firearm deaths among Whites and American-Indian/ Alaska Natives.
- Older youth (14-19) residing in urban areas are more likely to be hospitalized due to gun violence than rural youth; however, younger youth (5-14) residing in rural areas are more likely to be



## "Gun Violence & Victims" Continued...



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hospitalized due to gun violence than urban youth.

- Gun violence costs 2.8 billion dollars annually in hospital charges

Yet, this widespread occurrence of gun violence, has no uproar and no call to action about its devastating effect on 'black' communities that are already burdened with numerous socioeconomic woes attributed to lower wages , greater health disparities , lack of education , more illegal drugs and higher rates of incarceration . Adding insult to injury, most of these families that experience the loss of loved ones from gun violence seldom gain closure or a sense of solace that come when perpetrators are caught. Not to mention the disgrace, shame and dishonor associated with therapy within the majority of 'Black' communities. Blacks are the least likely of any racial group to have crimes against them result in arrests ; although they are the most likely to be arrested for a crime.

In conclusion, let's personalize the

information just presented here and see if there is any truth to it. Now ask yourselves (and I wild the same) do you know someone who has been shot? Know of any gun homicides that are responsible for someone who is 'Black?' Do you know of anyone between the ages of 15 and 24, who have been targeted by gun violence? Many of us experience gun violence directly and indirectly, yearly. Yet, how much of this reality are we really taking into consideration? Of course we don't like losing our loved ones, time and time again to senseless killings. However, are we taking this entire notion of gun violence as serious as we ought to, as a whole? Are we supporting things which promote the gun violence such as music that teaches 'Blacks' to kill/murder other 'Blacks?' Are we embracing words and customs which produce gun violence or glorifies it as if it is good? For example, calling a friend a "killa" or watching music videos of rappers either riding around with or flashing, semi-automatic weapons while blurting out many words connected to ending someone's life (homicide). Let's increase awareness about

widespread reality of gun violence and its impact on not just the 'Black' communities but our community as a whole.

Grace and peace be multiplied you you all, Beloved,

In Service, Mr. Corey Pritchett, MA





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## MCC student Guadalupe Guerrero honored as Newman Civic Fellow



Parent School Partnership Launches Online Survey on K-12 Needs of Latino Students

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Mott Community College sophomore Guadalupe Guerrero, of North Branch, has been named a Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact, a Boston-based non-profit organization working to advance the public purposes of higher education. Guerrero is one of 262 students who will make up the organization's 2020-2021 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows.

The Newman Civic Fellowship is a yearlong program for students from Campus Compact member institutions. The students selected for the fellowship are leaders on their campuses who demonstrate a commitment to finding solutions for challenges facing communities locally, nationally, and internationally.

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# Parent School Partnership Launches Online Survey on K-12 Needs of Latino Students



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The Parent School Partnership invites parents of k-12 students to participate in an online survey aimed at assessing the educational status and needs of Latino students in Saginaw's various school districts. The online survey will be available this Friday and available until April 10. The Parent School Partnership Survey is an educational outreach and parental support project of Saginaw Latino Leaders for the Enhancement of Advocacy and Development (LLEAD).

"The educational success of Saginaw County's future generations is an ongoing, never-ending process that we all must support," Saginaw LLEAD Vice President Angelo Kapp says. "Our work and volunteers include individuals from all walks of life and sectors of the community. Helping parents learn the educational system is key to community empowerment. We welcome more parents and educators."

LLEAD's Parent School Partnership volunteers have been working on their vision

and strategy for almost a year. Kapp says that the parent survey is one of the most direct ways to get feedback from parents of students experiencing educational problems, bullying or intimidation in Saginaw County schools. The survey is also available in Spanish and is available via email.

The Parent School Partnership seeks to:

- Increase parents' knowledge of the educational system, local school boards, Mich. State Board of Ed
- Increase parental involvement in schools to enhance the academic achievement of their students
- Deepen parents' understanding of their legal rights and responsibilities within the educational system, especially the new 3rd grade reading requirement and consequences
- Include parents in an awareness campaign to promote Latino advocacy

efforts and workshops on parental involvement, tutoring, reading to your child, college prep, scholarships, conferences, etc.

- Assist parents in establishing partnerships with schools, teachers, counselors, administrators, and community organizations to share information and strengthen parental involvement
- Parents can also get information on how to file an ethnic intimidation incident report with the Michigan Dept. of Civil Rights and the LLEAD Crisis Response System.

The PSP Needs of k-12 Latino Students Survey is at <https://www.facebook.com/llead> To get the Spanish-language survey, contact Angelo Kapp, 989-928-4640, [cosmo8611@gmail.com](mailto:cosmo8611@gmail.com).

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- \* Online
- \* By Phone
- \* By Mail

In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census.





## LB Covery Story, Guadalupe Guerrero



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Guerrero, an Honors student at MCC, believes that taking action is the most effective way to solve issues of inequity and injustice. “I am tired, yet I am tirelessly working for change,” she said. During this academic year she helped plan the first Greater Flint “Take Back the Night” event to address the issue of sexual assault. The event brought the community together to advocate for the victims with a rally, march, and speak-outs for victims to share their stories. As president of Mott Community College’s Feminist League, Guerrero organized a book drive for the College’s Early Childhood Learning Center to ensure that children of Flint have access to resources for a better future.

“I believe organization and unity is the key to change and we can no longer wait for someone to fix the world’s problems,” she said. “Organized efforts like these helped me to realize who our allies are in making the change we desperately need. We have waited too long for a savior, but now we realize that the power is within us. It is time

to act. Whether it is helping children stuck in border jails or women who are victims of human trafficking, through organized efforts I believe we can make tangible change and prevent these tragedies.”

“We are so very proud of Guadalupe for being named a Newman Civic Fellow,” said MCC President, Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea. “Her assertiveness along with her rapport-building skills are a significant part of her success to empower others to advocate for change.”

The Newman Civic Fellowship, named for Campus Compact co-founder Frank Newman, is a one-year experience emphasizing personal, professional, and civic growth for students who have demonstrated a capacity for leadership and an investment in solving public problems.

Through the fellowship, Campus Compact provides a variety of learning and networking opportunities, including a national conference of Newman Civic

Fellows in partnership with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. The fellowship also provides fellows with access to apply for exclusive scholarship and post-graduate opportunities.

“We are proud to recognize each of these extraordinary student leaders and thrilled to have the opportunity to engage with them,” said Campus Compact President Andrew Seligsohn. “The stories of this year’s Newman Civic Fellows make clear that they are committed to finding solutions to pressing problems in their communities and beyond. That is what Campus Compact is about, and it’s what our country and our world desperately need.”

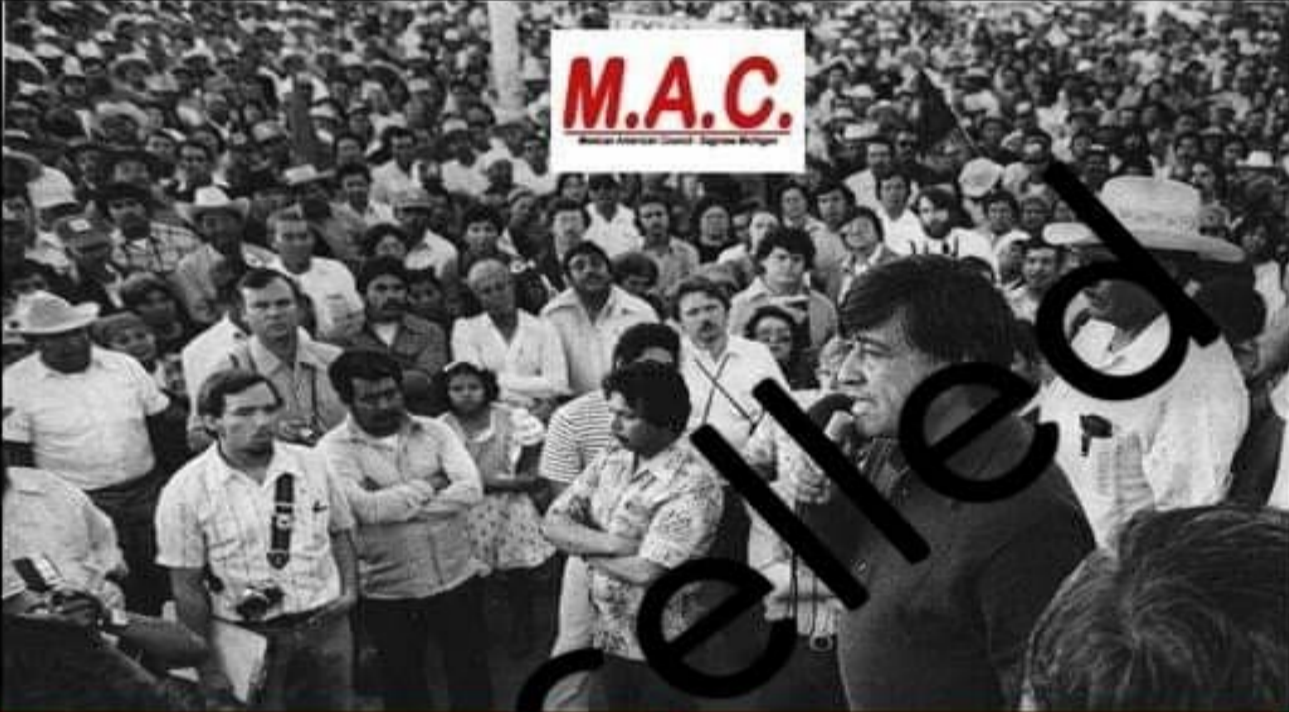
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*Guest Speakers: Dan Saza, LEAD  
Monica Reyes, Hispanic-Lation Commission of Michigan - Census 2020  
Gilbert Guevara, American GI Forum*



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Here's one key lesson: All organizations benefit from having an engaged board. When your board is engaged it sets a tone and direction that is inspiring to all members of the organization.

Engaged board members attend meetings and show up prepared and on time. They serve as advocates for the institution, sharing their knowledge of its vision, mission, activities, future directions, and impact. They understand the challenges facing the institution and are creative in helping find solutions and attract resources. They are team members who respect each other and are willing to check their egos at the door. The good of the institution is paramount.

As team members, they are willing to roll up their sleeves and help make things happen. They are accessible and willing to partner with the executive director and staff members, volunteers, donors, and funders to create solutions that help the organization deliver on its mission.

Engaged board members welcome transparency and accountability and understand the need for honesty and policies that guard against conflicts of interest.

They commit — as a collective body — to raising a meaningful percentage of the organization's budget. Each member makes a significant gift to the organization (in relation to income, assets, and connections).

Engaged committee chairs convene their committees and ensure goals and activities tie to the organization's larger strategic direction. Those committees encourage participation by individuals from outside the board who can contribute expertise, skills, and resources. Committee reports are distributed prior to each board meeting so members can read them in advance.

Engaged board members are proactive in identifying opportunities and in alerting each other — and staff — to potential challenges. When they have questions, they ask them. If they feel the organization is not headed in the right direction, they encourage thoughtful discussion. When they learn of developments in the field that could impact

the organization, they share the information. When an outside perspective could help, they suggest consultants, workshops, or a visit from the leader of a comparable organization.

When we hear an executive director say, "My board supports me 100 percent," our ears perk up. We wonder, is that a good thing? A board that questions and encourages additional ways of looking at a situation can contribute to organizational health. When a board rubber-stamps the work of an executive director it may be a signal that board members are not engaged. Take a look at your board — what do you see?

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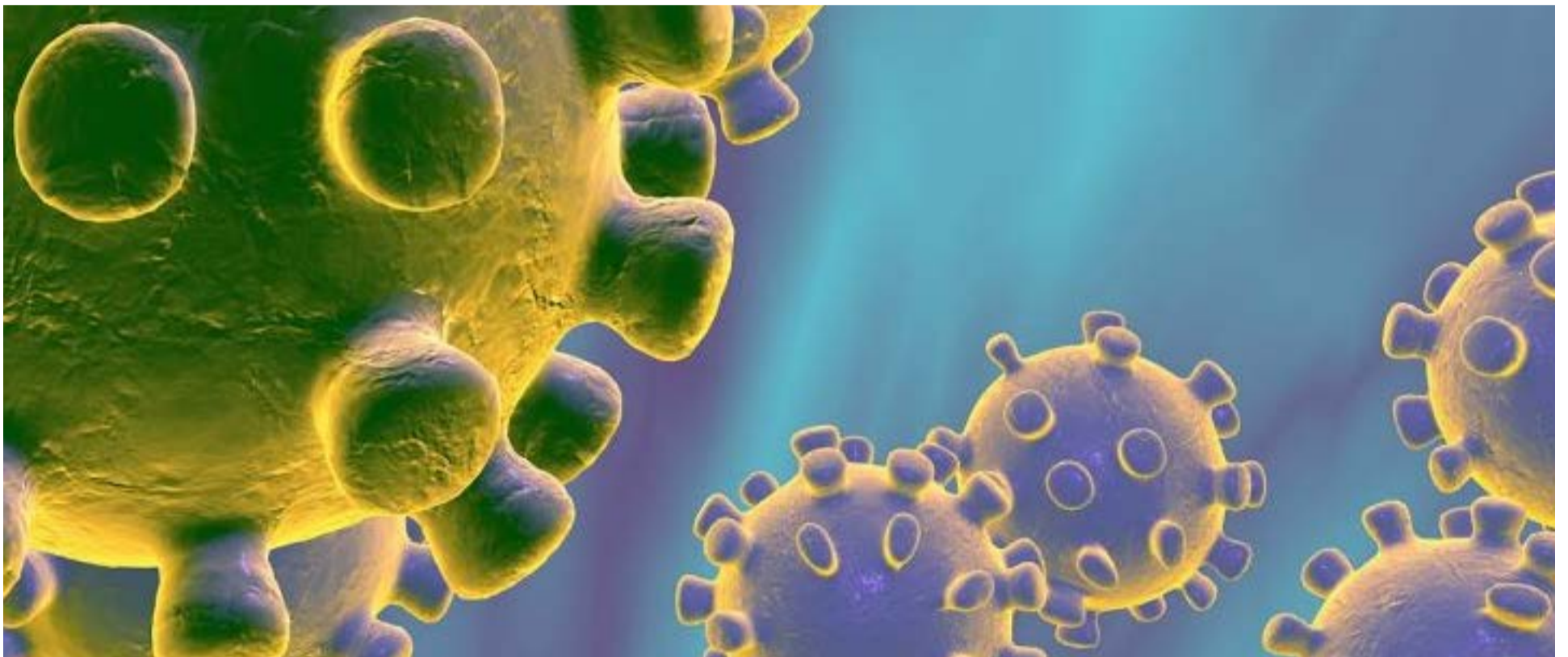
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# HEALTH

## Q&A: Everything you need to know about the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)



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### What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

COVID-19 is caused by a new respiratory virus. In December 2019, the virus began circulating in humans. Health experts are concerned because little is known about this new virus and it has the potential to cause severe illness and pneumonia.

### What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus. They include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath

Reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death.

### How does COVID-19 spread?

Health experts are still learning about how this new coronavirus spreads. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person:

- Between people who are in close contact (within about six feet) of an ill person, and
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, then touching their mouth, nose or eyes.

### Should I be concerned about getting COVID-19 from products or packages shipping from China or other parts of the world?

In general, coronaviruses are unable to survive on surfaces. There is likely a very low risk

of spread from products or packages shipping over a period of days or weeks at ambient temperatures. Currently, there is no evidence to support transmission associated with imported goods.

### How can I protect myself from getting COVID-19?

If you are traveling overseas follow the CDC's guidance at [CDC.gov/Travel](https://www.cdc.gov/travel).

There are steps you can take to prevent spread of flu and the common cold that will also help prevent COVID-19, including:

- Wash your hands with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick and contact your

## ...Coronavirus Disease

healthcare provider.

Right now, there are no additional precautions recommended for the general public in the United States.

It is important to remember that stigma and discrimination occur when people associate an infectious disease, such as COVID-19, with a population or nationality. COVID-19 does not target people from specific populations, ethnicities, or racial backgrounds.

### Should I wear a mask to protect myself from getting COVID-19?

No. Facemasks are not recommended for healthy people. Facemasks should be used by:

- Healthcare workers
- People taking care of someone with COVID-19

If you are sick with respiratory illness and visit a healthcare provider, you may be asked to wear facemask during your visit.

### Should I be concerned about my pets or other animals and COVID-19?

To date, CDC has not received any reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19. At this time, there is no evidence that companion animals including pets can spread COVID-19. However, since animals can spread other diseases to people, it's always a good idea to wash your hands with soap after being around animals.

### Are there any cases of COVID-19 in Michigan?

On 3-10-2020, the first COVID-19 cases were confirmed by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Laboratories.

Information about the number of cases, persons under investigation (PUIs) and specimens tested is updated daily at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus). Also available are the total number of people who may have been exposed to the virus who are referred to local public health for monitoring or assessment.

### What does it mean if someone is being monitored for COVID-19?

Public health monitors the health of people who could have been exposed to the virus.

MDHHS is receiving daily referrals about travelers from the CDC airport quarantine stations. Once MDHHS receives the referral, the information is provided to the local health department in the jurisdiction where the traveler resides. Local health department staff contact the individual, assess their risk and supervise daily for health monitoring (temperature, cough, difficulty breathing) for 14 days after their last day of exposure.

There is information summarizing the number of individuals referred to Michigan's public health network for monitoring or assessment available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus).

### Has anyone been quarantined?

To date, no one has been placed in a quarantine facility in Michigan because the screening process has not identified any individuals as being at "high risk" of infection. Some individuals have been asked to self-quarantine in their own homes based on their risk of exposure.

Where is or are the quarantine facilities? At this time, we are not releasing the locations of quarantine facilities due to individual privacy.

### What determines if someone is tested for COVID-19?

Testing is dependent on the current status of COVID-19 in local communities, as well as the course of illness. Clinicians should work with the local health department to determine if testing is warranted.

Criteria may change as we understand more about COVID-19.

### How can I get tested for COVID-19?

Individuals that are concerned about their health and experiencing respiratory illness or other serious or concerning symptoms, should contact their healthcare provider. Healthcare providers request testing based on a patient's signs, symptoms, travel history and risk.

### Do health workers know how to take samples correctly from patients?

Sample collection for COVID-19 is similar to procedures that hospitals and healthcare

workers follow for respiratory viruses. MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories (BOL) have developed kits and guidance to ensure proper collection and shipping of samples.

### Why is it important to have quarantine and isolation measures for the COVID-19 outbreak?

- The COVID-19 outbreak has caused very severe illness in some individuals.
- There is no approved vaccine or medication to treat COVID-19 patients.
- Isolation and quarantine efforts seem to have reduced new COVID-19 transmission in other countries.

### What is Michigan doing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Michigan?

MDHHS began working with local health departments, healthcare coalitions, hospital and healthcare partners when the novel coronavirus outbreak began in Wuhan, China. Initial focus was working with federal partners to ensure that Michigan's public health system could support traveler screening and monitoring to limit the entry of cases into the U.S.

Hospitals and healthcare partners were also engaged to establish screening procedures for any patients presenting for care with a travel history and symptoms that could be indicative of a possible COVID-19 case. These activities have mirrored much of the public health response to recent Ebola outbreaks.

While MDHHS was implementing those activities, there has been considerable effort put into planning for the next phase of this outbreak which would include community mitigation.

- On Feb. 3, MDHHS activated the Community Health Emergency Coordination Center to coordinate with local health departments.
- On Feb. 28, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer activated the State Emergency Operations Center to help coordinate the state's response.
- On March 3, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the creation of four task forces to combat the spread of coronavirus and assess the impact it may have on Michiganders' day-to-day lives. These task forces include: State Operations, Health and



## ...Coronavirus Disease

Human Services, Education, and Economy/Workforce.

- On March 10, the State Emergency Operations Center Joint Information Center was activated to assist with the public information effort
- On March 10, Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency to slow the spread of COVID-19.

### What is community mitigation?

Community mitigation activities are routinely utilized on a small scale by public health when responding to outbreaks. This may be a public health response to a chicken pox outbreak in a school or school district, or visitor restrictions in hospitals during flu season.

Community mitigation uses a variety of non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) to limit the spread of the virus.

- **Personal NPIs** are everyday preventive actions, such as staying home when you're sick, covering coughs and sneezes and washing your hands. These actions can help keep yourself and others from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses like the flu.
- **Community NPIs** are policies and strategies such as school closures and dismissals, postponing social gatherings and social distancing (telecommuting). Organizations and communities can put these strategies into place to help slow the spread of illness during an infectious disease outbreak.
- **Environmental NPIs** include routine surface cleaning that helps to eliminate the virus from frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as toys, refrigerator handles, desks, and doorknobs in homes, childcare facilities, schools, workplaces, and other settings where people regularly gather.

In weekly, routine calls with local health departments and healthcare partners, MDHHS has been working to transition our preparedness and response toward community mitigation. MDHHS staff and administration will continue to work with our state partners to implement community mitigation strategies in response to the COVID-19 outbreak as needed. This

is a similar approach as was taken in 2009 in response to the Pandemic Influenza H1N1.

### What community mitigation strategies is the State of Michigan implementing?

Current community mitigation strategies are available on the coronavirus website.

### I am planning or attending a conference or event, should I cancel it?

MDHHS is recommending cancelation, postponement, or modifications to conferences and events with 100 or more attendees. Smaller events should also consider cancelation and other social distancing strategies. High-risk communities should cancel gatherings of more than 10 people.

### Are there systems in place to warn of a potential outbreak early on?

Michigan has a surveillance system to detect cases and clusters associated with an infectious disease outbreak as reported by healthcare providers, emergency departments and local health departments. Also, emergency medical service (EMS) agencies are working closely with MDHHS to report and investigate clusters of respiratory illness requiring EMS transfers to hospitals. These systems are reviewed daily to warn of potential outbreaks of illness, including COVID-19.

### Do healthcare workers have the necessary training and equipment to keep them safe?

MDHHS provided guidelines and recommendations for safety measures, including the proper use of PPE, to healthcare providers, facilities, and EMS agencies. MDHHS is working to obtain additional supplies, including PPE for healthcare workers, to support an outbreak response and healthcare operations in Michigan.

### Is Michigan's healthcare system ready to treat patients with severe or critical disease?

Currently, there are no therapeutics to treat COVID-19, only supportive care. Healthcare providers are prepared to provide supportive care to COVID-19 patients. MDHHS provides updates to healthcare providers to ensure they are equipped with the most current guidance. MDHHS maintains a cache of vital medical

equipment that can be deployed to healthcare organizations if necessary.

### Are schools preparing for the community spread in Michigan?

MDHHS and Michigan Department of Education (MDE) issued recommendations for public and nonpublic schools and libraries. School districts were asked to review considerations including:

- Reporting influenza-like activity, absenteeism, and potential school dismissals.
- Educating students, staff, and the community about COVID-19 and how to prevent spread.
- Reviewing current dismissal policies, including employment stipulations for staff.
- Planning for impact to meal programs if school day, sport, or gathering cancellations are necessary.
- Coordinating with local health departments on decisions to exclude a student or staff member, or to close schools altogether.

### Should I be concerned about my student returning to college after spring break?

Students who traveled during spring break should contact their university's travel office. Many universities have restricted travel to certain parts of the world. This means your student might be asked to remain off campus until 14 days after they returned to the U.S. and are symptom free.

### What actions should businesses take to prepare for community spread of COVID-19?

Employers should consider strategies to prevent spread of illness in the workplace including:

- Encouraging sick employees to stay home and ensuring that policies are consistent with public health guidance.
- Separating employees with acute respiratory illness.
- Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces.
- Provide information to employees before traveling.

Employers should follow the CDC's guidance for creating an infectious disease outbreak response plan.



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- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

**\* Symptoms may appear 2–14 days after exposure.**

**Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.**

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# Ascension St. Mary's Hospital earns Comprehensive Stroke Center Certification



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Ascension St. Mary's Hospital has earned Comprehensive Stroke Center (CSC) certification from The Joint Commission, a national healthcare accreditation organization. Ascension St. Mary's is the first hospital north of Flint, and only the 11th hospital in Michigan, to earn this designation. There are currently fewer than 200 hospitals in the United States that have achieved CSC certification.

This designation reconfirms the hospital's dedication to providing the very best in state-of-the-art stroke care. As a Comprehensive Stroke Center, Ascension St. Mary's Hospital has the specific resources, staff and training to receive and treat the most complex stroke cases, leading to better outcomes. The designation is for two years.

"Our commitment to delivering high quality stroke care using the most advanced procedures, technologies and treatments has made Ascension St. Mary's a destination institution for stroke patients in our area and throughout the region," says Stephanie Duggan MD, FACEP, CPE, Regional

President, Ascension Michigan Northern Ministries. "We are so excited that we have earned Comprehensive Stroke Center certification. We have a legacy of being a center of excellence for stroke and neuroscience care, and we are very proud that we are continuing to raise the bar for stroke care excellence. Achieving this designation demonstrates we are providing clinical care that meets or surpasses national standards of excellence."

Before receiving this CSC certification, Ascension St. Mary's Hospital was certified by The Joint Commission as a Primary Stroke Center, which means that a facility is equipped to provide advanced stroke care, including administering tissue plasminogen activator (tPA), a "clot-busting" medication. Ascension St. Mary's Hospital achieved its upgraded CSC certification status as a result of interdisciplinary program enhancements, including:

the ability to treat both ischemic and hemorrhagic strokes, including brain aneurysms offering the most complex

neurosurgical procedures, including intra-arterial stroke treatment procedures, such as thrombectomies to remove blood clots establishing dedicated patient care units that provides specialized post-stroke care "Ascension St. Mary's has a highly collaborative and committed stroke team who made our CSC designation a reality," said Joseph Adel, MD, FAANS, cerebrovascular, endovascular and skull base neurosurgeon. "Certification recognizes health care organizations who are committed to fostering continuous quality improvement in patient safety and quality of care. Our physicians, nurses and clinicians are ready and able 24/7 to provide patients with the best possible stroke care for the most complicated and serious strokes when seconds count."

To earn CSC designation, the Ascension St. Mary's stroke care team was required to collect and report data showing that the hospital met or exceeded standardized performance measures. They must follow advanced standards and practices, provide specific procedures to a defined number of patients annually, and offer advanced, round-the-clock expertise, neurological services and resources.

"Strokes require urgent care to restore blood flow to the brain and begin the recovery process. Being designated a Comprehensive Stroke Center means that we've been recognized for our ability to quickly and effectively treat all strokes so patients have the best opportunity at a full recovery," said Nnenna Mbabuike, MD, endovascular and cerebrovascular neurosurgeon. "Having worked alongside Dr. Adel and the rest of the extremely highly trained members of the stroke team, the residents across mid and northern Michigan can be assured they have a choice where to receive care for stroke or other neurological conditions close to home."

Ascension St. Mary's joins three other Ascension Michigan hospitals that have earned comprehensive stroke center certification - Ascension Providence Hospital in Southfield, Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit, and Ascension Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo.

# BUSINESS & WEALTH

## Link between talent and economic growth headline the Flint & Genesee Chamber's annual meeting

(Flint, Mich.) - The Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce reported on a range of private and community investments in 2019 to help create a brighter future for Flint and Genesee County. The Chamber's annual meeting, held before a packed ballroom at the Holiday Inn Flint-Grand Blanc Area, also included an update on the progress achieved in year two of the organization's three-year strategic plan.

This year's gathering – themed 'Investing in Talent for Economic Growth' – focused on the importance of attracting top talent and developing a skilled workforce to achieve economic success.

In short, "talent drives economic growth," said Chamber CEO Tim Herman.

Domino's Pizza Chairman David A. Brandon, the keynote speaker, further elaborated on the critical link between talent and business success from his perspective as a chairman and former chief executive officer for some of the country's largest corporations, including Valassis, Inc., an international marketing services and sales promotion company; Toys 'R' Us and Domino's Pizza.

The 2019 Annual Report details how the Chamber collaborated with members, partners and investors to strengthen and broaden the region's talent pipeline.

"Based on discussions with local employers and others across the state, there are two primary contributors to the talent problem," said Herman, to an audience of more than 400. "One stems from the skills gap, where many people lack the skills they need to compete for jobs of today and beyond. The second one is the people gap, where many businesses can't find workers they need, when and where they need them.

"Addressing both of these gaps is vital to our

region's competitiveness."

In addition to talent initiatives, the Chamber worked with investors and partners to build a strong business climate to help members prosper individually and collectively. Among those efforts are:

- The Moving Flint Forward Small Business Grants program, an initiative funded by General Motors and administered by the Chamber, awarded \$10,000 each to 15 small businesses in Flint. The program supports revitalization efforts across the city's neighborhoods by strengthening local businesses that serve them.
- Forward Together – a partnership between the City of Flint, Genesee County and the Chamber – finished 2019 with a draft economic vision statement and action plan that will serve as a roadmap toward a more prosperous future for Genesee County.
- The Flint & Genesee Convention and Visitors Bureau's efforts to improve the region's perception, using a combination of sales, marketing and public relations efforts, booked meetings and events that resulted in nearly 9,500 overnight stays.
- The Flint Promise, a scholarship program for students who live in Flint and graduate from a high school or G.E.D. program in Flint. The program has expanded with both the University of Michigan-Flint and Kettering University now accepting students, who meet the schools' admissions criteria, directly from high school. It provides increased access to and success in higher education for Flint's young people and represents a continuous investment in the city's future.
- Hosting roundtables and panel discussions on timely business issues and joining

with chamber colleagues around the state to advocate on behalf of business and community interests in Lansing.

Following are 2019 accomplishments directly related to the Chamber's business advocacy, economic development, tourism and education efforts, and other programs and services:

### Business

- Supported more than \$26 million in private investment
- 7 investment projects helped to create 368 new jobs
- 1,612 PTAC contacts awarded, valued at nearly \$76 million

### Talent

- 378 teens graduated from TeenQuest
- Hired 418 teens through the Summer Youth Initiative (SYI) Job Fair; with 21 nonprofit employers
- 186 Flint Promise students, benefiting from 1,833 Flint Promise coaching hours

### Place

- Contracted 9,500 hotel-room nights in Genesee County
- 59 percent – sports travel; 20.6 percent – corporations, associations, government and education; 20.4 percent – social, military, religious and fraternal
- 312 participants experienced local attractions through the redesigned "Be A Tourist in Your Home Town" series
- 531 Certified Tourism Ambassadors trained in Genesee County

"In year two of our strategic plan, we had some wins, but we are not resting on our successes," Herman said. "We have a lot of work to do and we're up for the challenge!"





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## Chippewa Nature Center Elects Board Members at Annual Meeting

Chippewa Nature Center (CNC) held its annual meeting on Wednesday, February 19. Guests were welcomed by Dennis Pilaske, Executive Director. Following the 2019 Year in Review, Jordan Summers, Treasurer (Chemical Bank), presented the 2019 Financial Report. Retiring board members Kirk Fisher (Chemical Bank), Mark Robertson (Delta College), John Davis (Dow), Michelle Wilkins (Dow) and Mike Witt (Dow) were thanked for their years of service.

Rob Maxwell, incoming Board President, facilitated the election of new board members John Blaha (Dow), Marianne McKelvy (Dow, retired) and Bartley Terrill (Dow Industrial Solutions). Blaha is Global Director, Capital Markets, Financial & Enterprise Risk Management for Dow, and currently serves on CNC's Endowment Investment Committee. He and his family love nature, and they all agree that it is amazing to have a nature center the caliber of CNC right here in our own community. McKelvy, retired Research Leader in the Spectroscopy Group from Dow, has served two full terms of service on CNC's Board, including as Vice President and two years as President, and now joins the organization for a third. She considers Board service to be one of the greatest privileges of her life. She is an active volunteer and member of the Oxbow Archaeologists, and she and her husband, Fred, particularly enjoy hiking and birding the trails at CNC. Additionally, she serves as a volunteer tax counselor for AARP Tax Aide and works with several local food pantries. Terrill currently serves as Market Segment Manager, Dow Industrial Solutions, where he leads marketing strategies for several industrial markets. He has worked with a variety of nonprofits in the past both in Texas and in Michigan and most recently was involved in Dow Chemical's United Way campaign. He and his family can often be seen at CNC events, programs and festivals throughout the year.

Board members Kimberly Reinhardt (Midland Public Schools); Barbara Allen (Delta College); Jenni Bush (SPACE, Inc.; incoming Secretary) and Melissa Haswell, Ph.D. (Davenport University) were re-elected to a 3-year term. Board members not up for re-election include Rob Maxwell (Pinecrest Farms); Nancy Carney (Morley Companies; incoming Vice President); Jamie Ross, M.D. (Covenant Health Care); Brian Holmes (Arbury Insurance); Jordan Summers, J.D.; Sharon Caldwell (WhichCraft Taproom) and Carol VanWert (Dow).

The meeting concluded with a presentation entitled 3,000 Miles by Bicycle, presented by James and Lauren Dake of Elk Rapids, Michigan. During the summer of 2012, James and Lauren Dake of Elk Rapids, Michigan rode their bicycles from Michigan to California in a 3,000-mile journey across America. They shared the stories, experiences and encounters of their two-wheeled adventure across the country highlighting the special places, wildlife and people they met along the way. This program was funded by the Dale Dean Natural History Speaker Series.

For more information, visit [www.chippewanaturecenter.org](http://www.chippewanaturecenter.org) or contact CNC at [info@chippewanaturecenter.org](mailto:info@chippewanaturecenter.org) or 989.631.0830.

## Businesses can Partner with Riverfront Saginaw



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The Riverfront Saginaw (RS) group formed to increase awareness of the renaissance that is occurring in Saginaw's riverfront corridor. The name 'Riverfront Saginaw' was chosen because of its descriptiveness and because of familiarity with the Riverfront Commission and the Riverfront zoning district. It does not replace the names of districts already well established, such as Old Town or Downtown, but serves as a term that ties their attractions together.

If you are located in Riverfront Saginaw, making sure your organization is seen as part of the renaissance is beneficial to you and the area as a whole. Even if you're not located in the district, every entity in the region has a stake in promoting Riverfront Saginaw's renaissance. You're encouraged to use the logo in your advertising and promotional materials. The RS group has installed gateway monuments and logo branded street signs throughout the district.

[Riverfrontsaginaw.com](http://Riverfrontsaginaw.com) and the accompanying Facebook page tell the story of the area we call just that. It encompasses Downtown (with the Dow Event Center, Huntington Bank Event Park, the Temple Theater, Delta College and the SVRC Marketplace), Old Town (with its many active shops, restaurants and bars), the hospitals, the central parks (including the Children's Zoo), the museums and everything in between. The positive publicity generated by new activity in the Riverfront Saginaw district will reflect on all businesses and organizations within it. Marketing efforts by the RS group will help accelerate further investment and economic growth in the district and the region. As the positive story spreads, talent attraction and retention by major area employers of professionals in all fields from manufacturing to health care to institutions of higher education will benefit.

To learn more about Riverfront Saginaw visit [www.riverfrontsaginaw.com](http://www.riverfrontsaginaw.com).





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# EDUCATION

## No Tuition Increase for 2020 Incoming Undergraduate Students at Kettering University



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FLINT, Mich. – Kettering University will lock tuition, room and board rates for incoming undergraduate students at last year's rate. The University has no academic fees in addition to tuition.

Because the University offers a fixed-rate tuition guarantee (ensuring tuition will not rise while a student is enrolled), all students at Kettering pursue their degrees without ever seeing their tuition increase or being charged an academic fee. The no-increase decision for the 2020-21 academic year amplifies the University's ongoing commitment to providing a quality, accessible education.

"Affordability and value are key factors when prospective students – and their parents – are determining what university is right for

them," said Kettering University President Dr. Robert K. McMahan. "Our commitment to affordability is embodied in our decision to freeze our tuition for the 2020-2021 entering class. That is just part of our commitment, however, because the educational and hands-on experience opportunities we offer our students translate immediately into huge financial and career advantages for them upon graduation."

At Kettering, more than 97 percent of students also receive significant financial aid through the University's generous merit-based scholarship program. In addition, the University offers a number of other need and merit-based scholarship and grant programs that further enhance affordability and access.

The University's unique cooperative education program can significantly reduce out-of-pocket expenses for students. Students alternate on-campus academic terms with paid employment terms at one of more than 500 of the University's cooperative employment partners. Co-op earnings range from \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually and can total more than \$65,000. Students also gain hands-on experience as professionals in some of the world's most dynamic organizations.

Recent federal data and studies show that a degree from Kettering University pays off almost immediately in the form of higher salaries. A 2019 Georgetown University analysis of federal data ranking 4,500 schools nationwide said Kettering University graduates can count on the highest lifetime return on investment (ROI) in the state of Michigan and among the highest in the nation. The study identifies Kettering as No. 1 in Michigan among private and public colleges and 32nd in the nation, above Princeton and Notre Dame. The analysis, based on the U. S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, examined ROI among private and public institutions and included community college as well as four-year university information. It focused on the financial payoff of college degree and earnings differentials among schools over 10-, 20-, 30- and 40-year periods.

In another report by PayScale.com last year, Kettering University graduates saw a 20-year return on investment of \$766,000. According to a 2020 gradereports.com ranking, Kettering University was No. 1 in Michigan and No. 4 in the U.S. as a Best College for Mechanical Engineering based on median salary one year after graduation. The rankings were determined by salary and debt data reported by the U.S. Department of Education. Kettering University outperformed MIT (6), Duke University (8) and Cornell University (12).



## Delta College establishes tuition rates for next year



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The Delta College Board of Trustees has set tuition and fee rates for the 2020-2021 academic year.

At its March 10 meeting, the board approved a \$2 increase per contact hour for in-district, out-of-district and dual enrollment students. The technology and online course fee each increased by \$1. The in-district tuition rate is now \$117 per contact hour.

The decision to increase tuition by 2.18 percent is based on the rate of inflation, said Sarah DuFresne, vice president of finance.

“An increase is necessary to maintain the quality of instruction, which supports a positive student experience,” said DuFresne. “Consideration is always made to keep Delta an affordable higher education option for students in our region.”

About 82 percent of enrolled students come from Bay, Midland and Saginaw counties.

DuFresne added that Delta was the 10th lowest-costing community college of the 28 in Michigan last year.



## Saginaw Public Schools Breakfast & Lunch Distribution

Beginning

Monday, March 16th, Saginaw Public Schools  
will be serving students ages 18 and under

- **Monday through Friday:**
  - Breakfast will be distributed at each site from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m
  - Hot lunch will be distributed from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m at each site
  - A cold lunch can be picked up during the breakfast hours if this is more convenient than returning to receive the hot lunch
- **Saturdays & Sundays:**
  - Cold breakfasts & lunches will be distributed at each site from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m

### The distribution sites are below:

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| → Bridgeton Place Townhomes<br>359 Vestry Dr., 48601  | → Herig Elementary<br>1905 Houghton St., 48602   |
| → Birch Park Apartments<br>3000 Birch Park Pl., 48601 | → Thompson Middle<br>3021 Court St., 48602       |
| → Arthur Eddy Academy<br>1000 Cathay St., 48601       | → Loomis MST Academy<br>2001 Limerick St., 48601 |
| → Stone Elementary<br>1006 State St., 48602           | → Rouse Elementary<br>435 Randolph St., 48601    |

To assure that every student has the opportunity to eat, meals will also be taken to area neighborhoods via school buses. The buses will stop at the following sites seven days a week and deliver both a cold breakfast and lunch for each student.

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| <b>Route 1:</b>   | <b>Route 2:</b>  |
| → Longfellow Elem. School- 10:15 a.m.<br>1314 Brown St., 48601    | → Jerome Elem. School- 10:15 a.m.<br>1515 Sweet St., 48602           |
| → Henry Doerr Elem. School- 10:30 a.m.<br>3270 Perkins St., 48601 | → Coulter Elem. School- 10:30 a.m.<br>1450 Bridgeton Rd., 48601      |
| → Heavenrich Elem. School- 10:45 a.m.<br>2435 Perkins St., 48601  | → Nelle Haley Elem. School- 10:45 a.m.<br>3240 Livingston St., 48601 |
| → Houghton Elem. School- 11:00 a.m.<br>1604 Johnson St., 48601    | → Longstreet Elem. School- 11:00 a.m.<br>504 Carroll St., 48601      |
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# Governor Whitmer Announces Statewide Closure of All K-12 School Buildings; School building closures will last Monday, March 16 through Sunday, April 5



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Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced that in order to slow the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Michigan, she is ordering the closure of all K-12 school buildings, public, private, and boarding, to students starting Monday, March 16 until Sunday, April 5. School buildings are scheduled to reopen on Monday, April 6.

As of tonight, the number of presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan is 12.

“This is a necessary step to protect our kids, our families, and our overall public health,” said Governor Whitmer. “I am working with partners across state government to ensure educators, parents, and students have the support they need during this time, and to ensure our children who rely on school for meals have access to food. I know this will be a tough time, but we’re doing this to keep the most people we can safe. I urge everyone to make smart choices during this time and to do everything they can to protect themselves and their families.”

“Closing our K-12 school buildings is the responsible choice that will minimize the

risk of exposure for children, educators, and families and mitigate the spread of coronavirus,” said Michigan State Superintendent Michael Rice. “The Department of Education will continue to work closely with our partners in state government to help our students and educators in each school district get through this time. This is about protecting the most people in Michigan.”

Governors across the country, including Mike DeWine (R-OH), Andy Beshear (D-KY), and Larry Hogan (R-MD), have taken similar steps to close schools and ensure the protection of children and families in their states.

“Closing our school buildings is the smart thing and the right thing to do for the public’s health,” said Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Chief Deputy for Health and Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. “These actions will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Michigan. I will continue to work with Governor Whitmer and our four COVID-19 task forces to ensure we protect our children, our families, and our communities.”

Patients with confirmed infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

The best prevention for viruses, such as influenza, the common cold or COVID-19 is to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home, and avoid contact with others.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://CDC.gov/Coronavirus).





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For additional information concerning Saginaw ISD Head Start visit: [www.saginawheadstart.org](http://www.saginawheadstart.org)

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## Saginaw Bishop Robert Gruss Speaks on Coronavirus Health Crisis

Saginaw Diocese Bishop Robert Gruss says these are challenging times all across our country and the globe. Be assured that the Diocese of Saginaw is doing all we can to assist Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the State of Michigan in preventing further spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Bishop said, "We are announcing new measures, including asking those who are most at risk to stay home and not attend Mass this weekend and through April 6th".

Additionally, the Bishop said he is working with pastors to keep Masses below 250 people such as having ushers count those coming through their doors and asking people to consider attending another Mass or Mass in another parish.

Anyone who is ill, suspects he or she is ill, or is considered vulnerable (people 60+ years of age or people with chronic illness, immune system deficiencies or other underlying health conditions should refrain from participation in public activities, including Mass.

Bishop Gruss said Parishes should cancel any non-liturgical events that will attract over 250 people or any non-liturgical event that will see people gathered in a space without the appropriate social distancing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggest that a distance of six-feet is appropriate. As a practical example of this, our popular Lenten fish fries should become take-out only.

The following precautions are for all parishes:

- Refrain from shaking hands during the Sign of Peace (bow or verbal gesture is appropriate) or omit the Sign of Peace.
- Refrain from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer.



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- Cease distribution of the Precious Blood (Christ is fully present under both species of the Blessed Sacrament)
- Remove Holy Water from the Holy Water fonts.
- Strongly urge the faithful to receive the Holy Eucharist only in their hands instead of on the tongue to mitigate any transmission of saliva. However, that would still remain at the discretion of the Communicant.
- Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist should practice good hand hygiene washing their hands before Mass and using hand sanitizer, available in a discreet location near the sanctuary, to cleanse hands before and after the distribution of Holy Communion.

Bishop Gruss continues, "In your own care for the sick – visiting homes and health care

facilities – I ask you to be generous in your time and prudent in your actions. Normal cold/flu season guidelines should be followed when visiting homes. When visiting health care facilities follow their guidance.

We are suspending all parish faith formation classes and youth events for the same time period that the K-12 schools are closed in the State of Michigan. Pastors are encouraged to continue the formation of the Elect and Candidates for the Easter sacraments in a manner that reduces the possible spread of this virus.

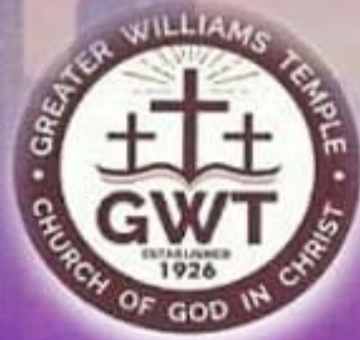
There is constant change related to the COVID-19 crisis. We will continue to monitor this situation and adapt our procedures as necessary. Educate yourself on the coronavirus. The resource links provided contain more information on the coronavirus from the CDC, the Saginaw County Health Department and the Diocese of Saginaw."



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## Michigan Women – Keepers of the Light

**MARCH** is National Women's History Month- The previous article in the March 1, 2020 edition was a tribute to Freedom Fighter 'Queen Nanny of the Maroons'. This article acknowledges women of this State who also were significant agents of historical change.

It is not uncommon to visit some of Michigan's beautiful lakeshores and notice a few distinguishing landmarks. Historical treasures that many of us know little about, Lighthouses.

The first lighthouse was built by the Pharos of Egypt (300 - 280 BC). The oldest U.S. lighthouse in operation is located in Sandy Hook, NJ, built in 1764. Two-hundred and sixty- seven lighthouses have been built on the Great Lakes and 140 of those along Michigan's shores (e.g. Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Ontario, Lake Huron, and Lake Saint Clair). Some of them predate the Civil War. The oldest is Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, Port Huron, first built in 1825 at the entrance to St Clair River (pictured above).

As commerce grew on the lakes, so did the number of lighthouses. Each new light improved safety by warning mariners of dangerous shores and reefs as well as guiding them to sheltered harbors. Hard work and solitude were characteristic of the Keeper's job. Constant and faithful attention to duties (sunset-sunrise ) was a required oath, because the lives of sailors and boatmen greatly depended on it.

There have been 55 female Lighthouse Keepers of record in Michigan. And all but a few of these women (who were mothers, some with many children) became Keepers by default when their husbands joined the colonial army, left to fight in the Civil War, they were incapacitated because of illness or injury, or met with an untimely death.

Some of their major duties and tasks included- surveying weather and tide conditions; installing/maintaining buoys and markers; maintenance/repair of lifeboats and other vessels; cleaning and polishing lens and lantern glasses; inspecting and maintaining the prism; trimming and lighting the wick; refilling/maintaining fuel supplies; readjusting lens' weights in the tower shaft; maintaining logs and records; and fog-apparatus and



Courtesy Photo | Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, Port Huron

machinery upkeep. And these daily tasks had to be completed well before dusk. Cleaning the tower and living quarters daily as well as the chimney, stove, and heaters regularly; installing, replacing, and repairing equipment; painting as needed; maintaining the grounds; and planting and tending a personal vegetable garden were ancillary duties often shared by the Keeper's spouse and kids.

Lighthouses were crucial to the safe passage of ships and their crewmen. In the 1800s-early1900s grains, coal, salt, and iron ores were cargoes on most of the ships that entered and exited inland waterways. But storms and dangerous waters frequently took their toll. Today, thousands of ships still lie beneath the waters on the Great Lakes' floors. The 'Keystone State' (a Civil War-era steamship that capsized in Lake Huron, 1861) is one of those ships. This sunken steamer is believed to have concealed war materials and gold bars instead of carrying a cargo of iron implements and farm machinery, which was indicated on the ship's manifest. It is reported that a retired Ford Motor Executive has been shipwreck hunting for 30 years (50 miles north of Michigan's thumb) in search of that gold.

Hardship, endurance, perseverance and resilience best describes these lighthouse Keepers who helped guide ships through rocky storms, tended to castaways who

survived an ill-gotten fate, and who had families that made the best of their rugged lives. Clearly, this was no job for the faint of heart. There are accounts of a mother trying to shelter and keep her 8 children alive in winter after her husband suddenly died and their cabin was destroyed by fire; a premature birth in a boat prior to making it to shore to see the doctor; isolation causing madness and mental illness in children; and one couple seeing their toddler for the last time when dragged into the forest by a bear.

Keeper of the Lighthouse was one of the first U.S. government jobs available to women. Perhaps it wasn't by chance that this new opportunity coincided with the First Convention of Women's Rights and The Women's National Suffrage Movement (1848-1920). After 1920, only three women worked as lighthouse keepers in Michigan. Changing technology and the U.S. Lighthouse Service being restructured and placed under jurisdiction of the all-male U.S. Coast Guard in 1939 are generally regarded as the reasons.

The next time you notice a lighthouse on one of Michigan's shores, hopefully you'll recall the important contributions made by Lighthouse Keepers and *Michigan Ladies of the Lights* (Patricia Mahjer, 2010).

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## STARS takes Precautions to Protect Riders and Staff

STARS (Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services) is acting quickly to continue to transport Saginaw residents safely as concerns for COVID-19 increase. The agency takes this crisis seriously and pledges to continue to serve residents and protect their access to healthcare, food, and employment. The last few days, STARS has been developing a plan that will ensure safety for staff and riders which includes increased sanitation procedures, changes in staffing, installing hand sanitizing stations in vehicles, and rolling out an informational campaign.

‘STARS is working with the state and local partners to get the resources together. The recent hoarding has posed a challenge to us and other public services. Please don’t panic or hoard good,’ said Executive Director Glenn Steffens.

## Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Invites Artists to Submit Work for the Regional Biennial Juried Sculpture Exhibition

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum invites artists working in sculpture to submit work for the “2020 Regional Biennial Juried Sculpture Exhibition.”

In 2008, the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum established a sculpture biennial exhibition to support working artists. Now in its 12th year, The Museum invites artists working in sculpture to submit work for the “2020 Regional Biennial Juried Sculpture Exhibition.” The exhibition will be held at the Museum June 6 through August 29, 2020. “It’s important that the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum and Saginaw Valley State University support living artists,” states Director, Megan McAdow, “and hosting a biennial sculpture exhibition is an excellent way to accomplish that goal.”

The Museum invites all living artists working in sculpture who have completed training or formal studies and reside within 200 miles of the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum to apply. Their Sculpture must be entirely original, completed within the last five years, and created by the person submitting it. The deadline for submission is April 3, 2020. The Merit awards awarded by the juror include a \$2,500 first place,

\$1,250 second place, \$850 third place, and \$400 fourth place.

The exhibition juror will be Stephanie James, curator of modern and contemporary art with a focus on art of the African Diaspora. She holds an MA in art history from Wayne State University and a BFA in drawing, along with teaching certification, from Eastern Michigan University. She is the Curator and Collection Educator for the Mott-Warsh Collection, Flint, MI—one of the largest privately-owned collections of African American art in the United States. Prior to her work with the Mott-Warsh Collection, she worked at the Detroit Institute of Arts for nearly 16 years, serving as assistant curator of the General Motors Center for African American Art (2002-2009) and in various appointments in the museum’s education department (1993-2002). Additionally, she has contracted with Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of African American History and Culture as a member of their “Save Our African American Treasures” team of curators and conservators. Ms. James has organized numerous exhibitions, most recently “The Essential Self: Meditations on the Politics of Identity” at the Detroit Artists Market (2015).

## DCECU collects 5,600+ items to benefit pantries in four counties

MIDLAND, MICHIGAN, March 10, 2020 – For the third consecutive year, individuals and families in several local counties are benefiting from a donation drive at Dow Chemical Employees’ Credit Union (dcecu.org). Throughout the month of February, DCECU collected food and personal care items to be divided among five organizations that distribute resources to community members.

In all, more than 5,600 items were collected. This included contributed items as well as items purchased with a \$600 donation from Garber Chevrolet in Midland – which was earmarked for use within Midland County – and a few cash donations from DCECU

members.

Organizations benefiting from the drive were Safe Harbor Kitchen in Bay City, Midland’s Open Door, Greater Midland Coleman Family Center, Helping Hands Mission in Beaverton and the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Saginaw.

“We’re just amazed by the generosity of our community in providing donations that will make a tremendous impact locally,” said DCECU Senior Executive Assistant to the CEO Susan Phillips, who has organized the drive each year. “To go from around 2,600 items our first year to nearly 4,000 items last year to 5,600-plus this year is wonderful growth. It’s a testament to the giving spirit of

our members and employees, as well as the community at large.”

Each week of the four-week drive featured specific items that were being sought for donation, but all donations were welcomed. Collected canned food items included soups, fruits, vegetables and meats. Personal care items collected included toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo and stick deodorant.

Saginaw-based nonprofit Hidden Harvest provided DCECU with boxes for the collection of items. At the conclusion of the donation drive, Hidden Harvest retrieved some of the donations from DCECU for transport to their destination.

## Channeling a new skill in theater production, SVSU student now recognized nationally as a top college talent



*Courtesy Photo*

When Rhiannon Hall enrolled at Saginaw Valley State University in 2017, she was excited to pursue her passion for theater but was not yet sure which role — either as a performer or behind-the-scenes crew member — best suited her. Empowered by SVSU faculty and inspired by her experience working on award-winning campus productions, Hall in less than three years both found her niche and was recognized nationally for excelling at it.

The Bay City resident learned this week she was selected to attend the Kennedy Center American College Theater National Festival from April 7-11 in Washington D.C. There, she will join some of the top U.S. college talent as they network and learn from industry professionals.

She earned the opportunity in part because she was recognized recently for her skills in dramaturgy work, an off-stage role that involves finding opportunities to deepen a play's immersive effects outside of the boundaries of the on-stage production. She

was the recipient of the Regional Dramaturgy Award given at a Kennedy Center regional competition covering Midwest colleges in January. The award was presented to students at the eight regional divisions associated with Kennedy Center in the U.S., but only four of those recipients — including Hall — were selected to attend next month's national festival.

Hall and her three peers will spend five days honing their craft at the festival's workshops while receiving tutelage from Mark Bly, who has worked in dramaturgy for 35 years at theaters in Washington D.C. and New York City.

“I was shocked when I found out I was invited,” Hall said.

“The regional competition was in January and I had not heard anything since then. I had put it out of my mind so I wouldn't think too much about it. Then I was opening my email to do homework on Tuesday when I saw the invitation, and I just started crying.”

The all-expenses-paid opportunity represents both a validation of her hard work and determination as an SVSU theatre major as well as a signal that her shift to practicing dramaturgy was a wise choice, she said.

Graduating from Fairview High School in 2017, the Grand Blanc-born Hall enrolled at SVSU with an initial interest in acting. Not long after her arrival, though, she was exposed to other elements of theater production that allowed her to channel untapped talents within her, she said.

“I came to SVSU thinking I knew theater, but I didn't really know theater,” she said. “I'm thankful for all the people who showed me what I didn't know.”

Among her SVSU mentors were David Rzeszutek, associate professor of theatre, as well as Margaret “Peggy” Mead-Finizio and Tommy Wedge, assistant professors of theatre. The trio challenged Hall to explore stage management and dramaturgy work on SVSU's play productions. And she responded.

In particular, Hall gravitated toward dramaturgy. Her flair for the work shined especially bright during SVSU's fall 2019 adaptation of “Proof.” She provided writings to the actors that offered them deeper explorations of character motivations than what was available in the play's script. For the audience, she arranged for SVSU's Student Counseling Center to occupy a booth outside the production, making staff available to answer questions from attendees after they watched the drama about grief, depression and mental health.

The work won her the Kennedy Center regional award, and ultimately, the invitation to Washington D.C.

“I didn't even know what dramaturgy was when I came to SVSU,” said Hall, who expects to graduate in May 2021 and hopes to eventually provide dramaturgy work professionally.

“I'm really grateful that I found a passion in a part of theater that speaks to me and makes sense in my heart.”





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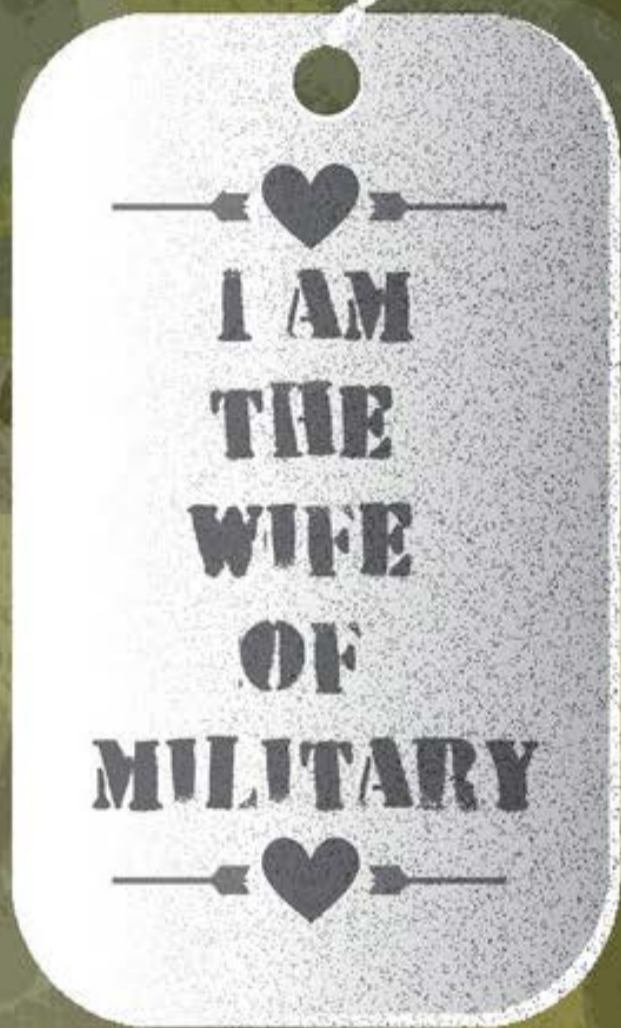
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# A reimagined legacy: the new Olympic Stadium for Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 infused with history, innovation and Dow solutions

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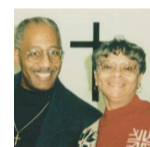
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# POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

## More Than a Presidential Primary

By Mike Thompson



Courtesy Photo

In the Saginaw County primary vote on March 10, Joe Biden's landslide over Bernie Sanders, 16,709-to-8,506, was even more lopsided than the national trend in Biden's favor for the Democratic nomination. But this election was more than a prez primary. First let's take a look at some important local results:

- Countywide voter turnout was a fraction shy of 30 percent, somewhat higher than a typical primary election, led by Saginaw Township with 40 percent, even though our largest suburb had no tax questions on the ballot. Carrollton, with its successful increase for street and road repairs, was next at 33 percent. Saginaw City and Buena Vista, with public safety renewals (plus STARS in the city), both limped home at 21 percent. Bridgeport, with no local millage questions, counted 19 percent.
- The 0.445 renewal/boost for The Dow Event Center scored a narrow victory, 22,905-to-20,586. This was far closer than previous votes, when the county first took ownership from the city in 2001, and when a renewal passed in 2010. Outcounty rural areas remain strongly opposed by margins up to 3-to-1, but

inner suburbs are slightly supportive -- for example, Bridgeport (1,146-to-1,067), Carrollton (824-to-658) and Buena Vista (896-to-637).

- When the management transition for our 48-year-old former Civic Center began at the turn of the millennium, who ever would have thought backing from Saginaw Township voters would exceed support from the city? But this has become true. Saginaw Township voted in favor 7,201-to-4,036; Saginaw City 4,582-to-2,753.
- We may think of Frankenmuth, and to a lesser extent, Chesaning, as tourism-oriented small outlying towns, but there was a major gap in their votes on The Dow. Frankenmuth, 754-to-621. Chesaning, 408-to-839.
- If Saginaw City voters support an upcoming school overhaul proposal to the same extent as they back public safety and public transit, then the Board of Education would gain approval in a breeze. (But we know that school millage increases are a tougher nut to crack.) The police/fire renewal won 5,457-to-1,764, and STARS 5,153-to-2,080. Meanwhile, BV's public

safety margin was 1,204-to-270,

- Even during today's Trump-TEA Party anti-tax fervor, most local renewals are okay. Increases are another thing, but Carrollton beat the odds with 5 new mills for streets and roads, 966-to-533. A key part of the strategy was that leaders were able to cast this as "sort of" a renewal, because 5.32 mills for water mains had recently expired.
- Michigan State Extension lost the closest vote, 21,188-to-22,121. The proposal was for a mere 0.1 mill, the smallest allowed by law, which would have cost a typical property owner pocket change of around \$1 to \$4 per year. MSU Cooperative Extension is best known as the home of agricultural 4-H, but the proposal also lost in rural areas.

And now, let us return to those presidential primary votes. Biden's sweeping victory was urban, suburban, small town and rural. Precinct results indicate he was strongest among African American voters, the same as nationally.

Of interest was the number of votes that were cast for candidates who had dropped out, including Michael Bloomberg 1,020, Elizabeth Warren 279, Pete Buttigieg 242 and Amy Klobuchar 136. Cory Booker gained 23 and Julian Castro 14, while Kamala Harris had quit the race soon enough for her name to be removed.

On the Republican side (yes, the GOP also had a primary), Donald Trump cakewalked with 13,186 while William Weld, Joe Walsh and Mark Sanford each chalked up fewer than 100. A larger sign of at least mild Republican discontent with Trump was the 637 GOP voters who registered "uncommitted" instead of supporting their president.



## City of Saginaw will Discontinue Water Shutoffs

### IMPORTANT UPDATE ON WATER SHUT OFFS



Effective immediately, the City of Saginaw will discontinue water shutoffs during the COVID-19 State of Emergency Declaration by Governor Whitmer. Shutoffs for nonpayment will temporarily cease to ensure our citizens have the ability to practice recommended personal hygiene measures to prevent the spread of the virus.

Residential water accounts that are currently shut off due to delinquency will be reinstated for the \$52 reconnect fee. Customers can contact the Customer Accounting Department at 759-1450 to restore service. City staff will reinstate service as quickly as possible.

Although shut offs are not occurring, the City reminds all customers that they are responsible for all water service costs that continue to accrue. Customers should continue to make their normal monthly water bill payment. We encourage customers to visit the City website at [www.saginaw-mi.com](http://www.saginaw-mi.com) to make online payments. Customers can also make payments by phone by calling 833-440-8683. Payments can also be made via check or money order at the City drop box behind City Hall. During this time, payments will be collected from the drop box multiple times throughout the day. Payments collected after 4pm will be applied to the next day.

For all questions regarding City of Saginaw services and payments, call (989) 399-1311.

## City of Saginaw Closing all City Facilities to the Public

### CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC



Beginning Tuesday, March 17, the City of Saginaw is closing all City facilities to the public in an abundance of caution for the coronavirus.

This includes City Hall, 1315 S. Washington Avenue, and Public Works, 1435 S. Washington Avenue. The closings are planned to last until Monday, April 6. City administration will re-evaluate the situation at that time to determine if the closing should be extended.

During this time, City employees will report to work as scheduled and all essential services, including recycling collection, water treatment, and public safety, will continue as normal. Citizens are advised to use online options, pay-by-phone, or the payment drop box located in the back of City Hall for all payments. Visit [www.saginaw-mi.com](http://www.saginaw-mi.com) for information regarding payment options.

For residents requiring immediate attention, citizens are asked to call (989) 399-1311, they will have the option to select a department and speak directly with a department representative.

During this time all city-managed meetings and events will be canceled.

“This is a necessary step to protect our employees, our citizens, and overall public health,” said City Manager Tim Morales. “We are working closely with all employees to ensure essential city services will continue; however, we are using extreme caution. I know this will be a challenging time, but we’re doing this in an attempt to keep the public and City staff safe and healthy.”

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# On ~~Off~~ the RECORD

## Navigating Auto Insurance Reform

On July 2, 2020 Michigan's Auto Insurance Reform will go into effect. How much do you know about the upcoming changes to Michigan auto insurance? What impact will this have on your business? How will this impact you personally?

To answer these questions and more, join us on Friday, March 20th for Navigating Auto Insurance Reform. Our panel of experts from Saginaw Bay Underwriters will answer these questions and more.

- Do I have more liability under the new law?
- Should I keep my unlimited medical (PIP) coverage or switch to one of the lower limits?
- Does my auto insurance and health insurance cover the same things?
- Are there people in my household that are no longer covered?
- What other facts should I consider to make an informed decision?

### Featured Panelists:

- Peter Ewend, President
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## House Passes Legislation for Coronavirus Testing and Paid Leave



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On Saturday, March 14, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation that will help protect Americans from the Coronavirus and provide resources to first-responders on the front lines of dealing with the virus.

The legislation includes:

- Funding to cover the costs of Coronavirus testing and requires insurers to cover testing coverage for patients.
- Funding for nutrition assistance to senior citizens, women, children and low-income families.
- Protections for workers, including 14-day paid sick leave to employees affected by Coronavirus.
- Reimbursement for employers for paid

sick leave through tax credits.

More information on the legislation is available here.

Congressman John Moolenaar voted for the legislation and made the following statement:

“This legislation will help ensure that cost won't stop someone from being tested for Coronavirus, and testing is critical to understanding the full scope of the situation.

“We also need to make sure that Americans who are affected by this virus know that they will have the leave-time they need to recover. They should not go to work because then they might transmit the virus to another person.

“With the number of cases in our state growing, including some in mid and northern Michigan, I hope residents will continue taking simple steps to limit the spread of the virus including washing their hands whenever they can, covering their mouths when they cough, and not going into work if they feel sick. Together, we can limit the spread of Coronavirus and protect our friends and neighbors, especially seniors and those with underlying health conditions.”

More information on the Coronavirus is available at [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov) and [michigan.gov/coronavirus/](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/)

# SPORTS

## Saginaw Spirit release ticket information for paused 2019-20 OHL season



Saginaw, MI. – The Saginaw Spirit announced ticket options for the paused 2019-20 Ontario Hockey League regular season and playoffs.

**Option 1:** Keep your tickets. Your tickets will automatically transfer for the rescheduled game date. If you are unable to attend the game on the rescheduled date, the Spirit / Dow Event Center can process a refund at that time at your point of sale.

**Option 2:** Obtain an immediate refund.

If you have a physical ticket, you may return to your place of purchase to initiate a refund.

For phone orders through the Spirit, please call (989) 497-7747.

Online ticket purchases through [saginawspirit.com](http://saginawspirit.com).

[info@saginawspirit.com](mailto:info@saginawspirit.com) to initiate a refund.

Online or phone purchases through Ticketmaster may visit [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) for instruction.

**Voucher / Flex tickets:** If you have turned in a voucher for a ticket, that ticket will be honored on the date of that specific rescheduled game. If you are not able to attend the game on that date, you can flex that voucher ticket to a future 2019-20 home regular season game.

**Season Tickets:** Season tickets will automatically transfer to rescheduled game dates. If you are unable to attend the rescheduled dates, you are eligible to use those ticket on future 2020-21 regular season redemption nights.

Season Ticket Holders who purchased their seats for the 2020 Playoffs:

**Pay as we play plans:** Seats are reserved for future 2020 playoff games. Your credit card on file will not be charged until playoff dates are announced.

**Convenience plan:** Seats are reserved for future 2020 playoff games. The Spirit will communicate directly to you at a later date with specific instruction.

For more information regarding tickets, email [info@saginawspirit.com](mailto:info@saginawspirit.com) and our ticket representatives will be with you as soon as possible.





# CORONAVIRUS STATEMENT



Major League Baseball and Minor League Baseball announced the suspension of baseball activities and delayed the start of the 2020 season. This decision was made in the interest of public health and safety in response to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus). The Great Lakes Loons, the Michigan Baseball Foundation, ESPN 100.9-FM, and Dow Diamond support that decision as precautions are taken nationwide to address growing concerns about this virus.

We're in uncharted territory. We understand that this is a difficult time. As we monitor closely the events that are unfolding in Michigan, the nation and worldwide, we are proactively making decisions that support the health and safety of our community, fans, employees, and players. People are our first priority. Your patience is appreciated as we make the best decisions we can with the information available.

Beginning Monday, March 16, all events scheduled at Dow Diamond will be postponed. Determinations on the rescheduling of activities and the resumption of events will be made in accordance with recommendations from state and local health officials. We will communicate additional updates about our plans, including our ticket policy for impacted games, as soon as the information is available.

Stay safe and healthy. We'll see you at the ballpark soon.





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## PICS OF THE WEEK

Buena Vista Police Chief Reggie Williams is sworn in as the newest Saginaw City Councilman. Williams was chosen from among four candidates interviewed by City Council on Monday, March 2 and won the seat in a 6-2 vote.

Williams worked for the Saginaw Police Department for over 20 years and become the Buena Vista police chief in 2017.

He will fill a seat vacated by former council member Clint Bryant who resigned to run for 95th District State Representative.





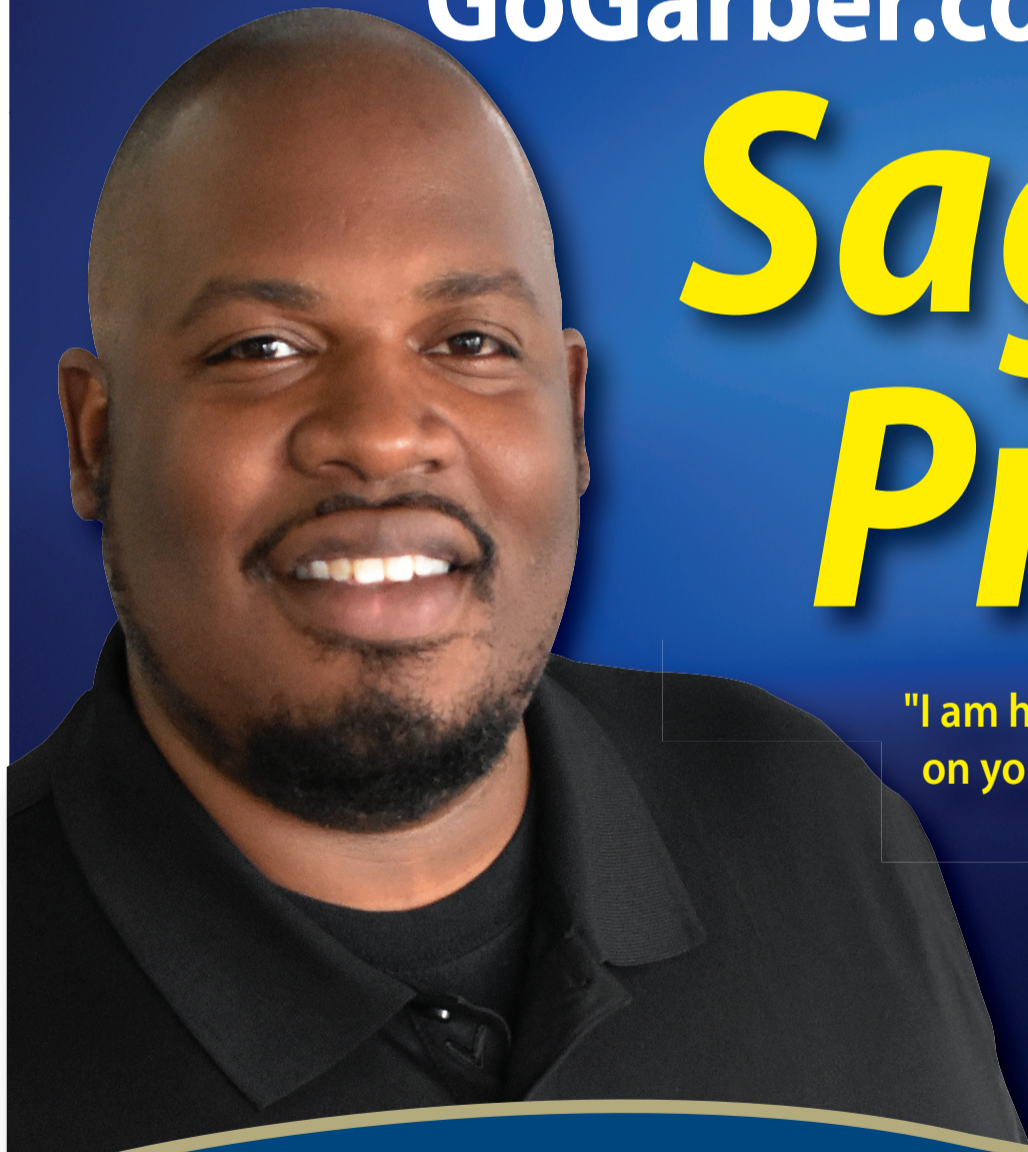
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