

# COVID-19 UPDATE



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### St. Clair County – COVID-19 Daily Update #14

**Michigan Confirmed Cases:** 9,334 confirmed COVID-19 cases; 337 deaths.

**St. Clair County Confirmed Cases:** 42 confirmed COVID-19 cases; of those 8 have recovered;  
1 death (out-of-county resident)

COVID-19 transmission is considered widespread throughout Michigan, including St. Clair County. Our county is not immune to COVID-19 exposure. Currently, we have hospitalized patients with COVID who are receiving care by dedicated medical personnel. Capacity is expected to change. Many communities are already struggling to keep up.

Southeastern Michigan hospitals are becoming overwhelmed with COVID patients and exceeding their response capabilities. Hospitals have practiced pandemic planning exercises over many years in anticipation of such an event. Mutual aid agreements between hospitals were previously established. The mutual aid concept is considered the “standard of care” in most emergency responses. The purpose is to permit hospitals to transfer and accept patients, including sharing other types of needed resources. Dr. Annette Mercatante, Medical Health Officer stated, “We cannot stress enough, the purpose of accepting transfer patients into our local hospitals is to save lives and provide the best possible medical care to patients with COVID. This process is critical and will allow all hospitals to keep running.”

### **COVID-19 Resources:**

- St. Clair County COVID-19 Informational Hotline (810) 966-4163, available Monday – Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm or e-mail questions: [covid19@stclaircouthy.org](mailto:covid19@stclaircouthy.org)
- MDHHS Hotline 1-888-535-6136, available 8:00am - 5:00pm daily, 7-days a week or e-mail questions: [COVID19@michigan.gov](mailto:COVID19@michigan.gov)
- St. Clair County Community Mental Health COVID-19 Support Line (810) 985-8900, available Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
- St. Clair County information [www.scchealth.co](http://www.scchealth.co) or social media @scchdmi
- Michigan response and community mitigation strategies at [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus)
- Governor Whitmer’s Executive Orders [www.michigan.gov/whitmer](http://www.michigan.gov/whitmer)
- COVID-19 global outbreak situation at [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

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