



**City of Buchanan  
COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan**

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## **COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan**

In order to respond to the current state of emergency related to the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) and to comply with relevant state and local orders related to COVID-19 (Executive Orders 42 and all subsequent COVID-19 related orders), the City of Buchanan has prepared the following COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan (“Plan”). This Plan may be updated as this situation evolves or as state or local orders related to COVID-19 are issued or amended.

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

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

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

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

### **Protective Safety Measures**

#### ***Sick Leave***

Employees are permitted to take paid leave as provided for and consistent with all applicable provisions of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the City of Buchanan’s applicable vacation, sick leave, and personal time policies. Any on-site employee who appears to have a respiratory illness may be separated from other employees and sent home.

#### ***Remote Work***

All employees who are not essential to operations, and whose job duties reasonably allow to them to work from home, will work remotely. All City employees working remotely shall conduct their work in conformity with guidance provided by the City Manager and with applicable City policies and procedures, to the extent possible.

#### ***Employee Screening Before Entering the Workplace***

A sample Employee Entry Screening Questionnaire is attached as Appendix B. The screening questionnaire should be completed by all City employees before entering their workplace. Employees may also be required to comply with any additional screening process required by applicable state or

county authorities. If an employee fails any screening process, he or she should be sent home until allowed to return to work under the relevant executive orders or public health orders, which requirements are explained in detail in the Return to Work Plan, attached as Appendix C.

### ***Personal Protective Equipment***

The City shall provide and make available to all Critical Infrastructure Workers (CIW) and any worker performing in-person work, personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, goggles, face shields, and face masks as appropriate for the activity being performed by the CIW or in-person worker. PPE shall be consistently and properly worn when required, shall be regularly inspected, maintained, and replaced, as necessary, and shall be properly removed, cleaned, and stored or disposed of, as applicable, to avoid contamination of self, others, or the environment. All CIWs and other in-person workers able to medically tolerate a face covering must wear a covering over his or her nose and mouth when in any enclosed public space. It is also encouraged that all City employees able to medically tolerate a face covering wear a cloth face covering whenever they are interacting within six feet of a member of the public or any other individual. Acceptable examples of cloth face masks include, but are not limited to, bandanas, homemade cloth facemasks, and gaiter scarves. The City will make available cloth face coverings to for use by any employee who notifies the City Manager that they are not able to procure their own cloth face covering.

### ***Social Distancing***

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

### ***Hygiene***

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

### ***Cleaning and Disinfecting***

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

### ***Tools and Equipment***

The sharing of tools and equipment (including, but not limited to, desks, telephones, and office equipment) among CIWs and other in-person employees should be avoided as much as possible. Should any sharing of tools be required, employees must disinfect and clean each tool or piece of equipment following their

use of same and before any other employee uses the tool or piece of equipment. The City will provide employees with disinfectant wipes and/or other disinfecting products for this purpose.

### ***Visitors***

No visitors should be allowed in the workplace unless they are deemed essential to address an issue related to critical infrastructure functions. All visitors entering a City workplace shall be screened prior to entering the workplace. A screening questionnaire should be utilized to decide if the visitor can enter the workplace. If a visitor presents with symptoms of COVID-19 or answers yes to any of the screening questions, they should not be allowed into the workplace. All visitors that are permitted to enter the workplace shall wear all appropriate PPE prior to entering the workplace.

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

### **Employees with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Cases**

#### ***Suspected Cases***

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

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

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

- Immediately notify immediate supervisor who will then notify the City Manager;
- Self-quarantine for 14 days; and
- Seek immediate medical care or advice.

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

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

### ***Confirmed Cases***

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

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

- Immediately notify immediate supervisor who will then notify the City Manager of his or her diagnosis; and
- Remain out of the workplace until they are cleared to return to work.

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

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

### **Business Continuity Plans**

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

## APPENDIX A

### CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS

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

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

For purposes of Executive Order 2020-42 and Executive Order 2020-59, critical infrastructure workers also include<sup>1</sup>:

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

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

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



**APPENDIX B**

**COVID-19 WORKPLACE HEALTH SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE**

Employee name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**In the past 24 hours, have you experienced:**

Subjective fever (felt feverish):      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

New or worsening cough:      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Shortness of breath:      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Sore throat:      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Diarrhea:      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Current temperature:      \_\_\_\_\_

If you answer “yes” to any of the symptoms listed above, or if your temperature is 100.4°F or higher, please do not go into work. Self-isolate at home and contact your primary care physician’s office for direction.

-- You should isolate at home for a minimum of 7 days from when symptoms first appear.

-- You must also have 3 days without fevers and improvement in respiratory systems.

**In the past 14 days have you:**

Had close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Traveled internationally or domestically? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you answer “yes” to either of these questions, please do not go into work (unless exempt). Self-quarantine at home for 14 days.

## APPENDIX C

### EMPLOYEE RETURN TO WORK PLAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

## APPENDIX D

### SIGNS FOR BUILDINGS



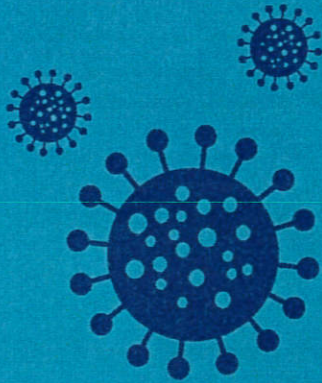
#### **Only Enter This Building If You:**

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

#### **All others:**

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

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



# Keeping Michigan Informed

## Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

### Symptoms



**FEVER**



**COUGH**



**BREATHING DIFFICULTY**

### Prevention—Start With Washing Your Hands



**WET HANDS**



**LATHER**



**SCRUB: 20 SECONDS**



**RINSE**



**DRY HANDS**

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



### Seeking Care

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

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

For more information visit [spectrumhealth.org/covid19](https://spectrumhealth.org/covid19).

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## APPENDIX E - VEHICLE SANITATION GUIDELINES

### PURPOSE

Proper cleaning and disinfection of city vehicles and equipment is necessary to reduce the bioburden of disease and prevent secondary transmission of a known or unknown highly contagious disease. The process describes the measures needed to clean and disinfect an ambulance prior to its return to service following the transport of a patient with a known or suspected Category A disease.

**Note:** All disinfection should use a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)- registered hospital disinfectant with a label claim for a non-enveloped virus (norovirus, rotavirus, adenovirus, poliovirus) to disinfect environmental surfaces at appropriate concentration and contact time.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND HEALTH

All personnel should wear gloves for decontamination of the vehicle and keep doors open during cleaning for ventilation

### DRIVERS COMPARTMENT

- Wipe down dashboard and console with disinfectant. This is best accomplished by spraying the disinfectant on the towel first and then wiping. Do not spray disinfectant directly on dashboard, console, radio, or any other electrical equipment. The dashboard and console should be dust free.
- Disinfect steering wheel, door handles, and radio microphone. These areas need special attention due to the amount of use they get. Think about how many different people use the radio, get in the truck with their gloves, on or fail to wash their hands after each call.
- Clean all the interior windows.
- Clean up any loose trash. There should not be any used gloves or trash in the cab, between the seats, or in the door pockets.
- The floorboards should be wiped out with the cleaner if necessary.

**Note:** If you are debating what needs to be disinfected, think about what your gloved hand or passengers/equipment operators routinely touch. These things should all be wiped down.

**Note:** Disinfectant should **NOT** be sprayed on any surface and left to dry completely.

### EQUIPMENT

There are numerous pieces of equipment that need to be decontaminated on a regular basis.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Once these practices are in place, vehicles should remain fairly clean. Remember you must replace any equipment used during your shift.
- Checking and cleaning the truck should be a team effort.
- Take pride in the unit that you are using, you will be responsible for its condition at the end of your shift.

**APPENDIX F**  
**OTHER RESOURCES**

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

[https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499\\_90705-525182--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-525182--,00.html)

[https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499\\_90705-526894--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-526894--,00.html)

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

[https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_98455-525278--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-525278--,00.html)

[https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_98455-527027--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-527027--,00.html)

Helpful CDC Guidance:

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

CDC Handwashing Fact Sheet:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CDC Guidance on Reopening Businesses:

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

**APPENDIX G**

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**Certification by COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN**


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


1. It complies with Michigan Executive Order #2020-42 dated Thursday, April 9, 2020 and subsequent COVID-19 related orders.
2. The plan is consistent with the guidance from U. S. Department of Labor, Occupational Health and Safety Administration publication OSHA 3990-03-2020, Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID -19.
3. The plan is available on the City website at [www.cityofbuchanan.com](http://www.cityofbuchanan.com) and at each City facility where in-person operations take place during the COVID-19 emergency.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

This COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan formally adopted at the regular meeting of the City of Buchanan, Commission Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Barbara A. Pitcher, City Clerk

  
Mayor Patricia A. Moore DPM

