



SUMMARY

- › Giving the people of Michigan more certainty on COVID-19 precautions that reflect conditions in local communities.
- › Relying on established safety measures and more specific health data to guide decisions, which both keep people safe and the curve flattened.

PROPOSAL

- › Public health experts will have the option to follow best practices in modifying their COVID policies at the local county level, such as limits on gathering sizes and restaurant capacity, if the health data backs it up. Local residents, small businesses, nonprofits and emergency services will be provided certainty and a greater voice on community goals, which must be met and maintained to keep people safe and the curve flattened.
- › The health thresholds would be established using five scientific metrics:
 - **Case Rate:** The number of confirmed cases over a 14-day period is below 55 cases per 1,000,000.
 - **Positivity Rate:** The rate of positive tests over a 14-day period must be below 5 percent. (All numbers would exclude state and federal inmates)
 - **Hospitalizations and bed capacity:** Health care facilities are able to manage a 20-percent surge in hospital admissions or patient transfers, and have not experienced a 25 percent or higher hospitalization increase in the previous 14 days.
 - **Sufficient PPE supply:** Local hospitals have at least two weeks supply of PPE on hand.
 - **Testing capacity:** Local health departments have the ability to test 15 people per 10,000 residents per day and achieve a test result turnaround time of three days or less.
- › If data points/metrics meet these established thresholds for a county, the county public health director has the ability to modify restrictions, if they choose.
 - If the county's data consistently meets or exceeds the state benchmarks, then the county can follow scientific best practices in determining which restrictions are refined.
 - If the county's data shows it has risen above thresholds, then intervention strategies will go into effect, creating an ongoing incentive within the community to maintain safe practices.
- › All data involved in decision-making would be reported daily in each county and made available to the public to provide clarity and certainty.

Health and safety should not be politicized. This plan offers clear guidance, local control and science-based decision-making.
