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## MICHIGAN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK

**Michigan Legislature.** The Michigan Legislature suspended its legislative session on March 17, 2020, until March 25 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 10, Michigan reported the first confirmed cases of the virus. On the same day, Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared a [State of Emergency](#). On March 16, the governor officially closed down state schools. The legislature has approved up to \$150.0 million in emergency funding.

**Emergency Funding.** On March 12, the Michigan Legislature approved Senate Bill [151](#), which includes \$25.0 million in emergency funding related to COVID-19. On March 17, House Bill [4729](#) directed \$50.0 million to the Department of Health and Human Services. Another \$40.0 million was directed to other agencies. The remaining \$35.0 million will be in reserve if additional funding is needed.

**Other.** On March 12, Governor Whitmer [closed](#) public schools beginning on March 16 and extending through April 6. On March 16, the governor issued an executive [order](#) limiting access to establishments such as bars and restaurants until March 30.

**Cases.** As of March 19, there are 117 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Michigan, with 3 deaths.

Date	Cases
March 10	2
11	2
12	12
13	25
14	33
15	53
16	54
17	65
18	110
19	117

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