

Local "State of Emergency" County of Livingston

Submission date: March 15, 2021

To: Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security – Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, Michigan State Police; District 1 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division Coordinator

Beginning on March 10, 2020 the County of Livingston sustained widespread injury, loss of life, and damaging economic impact caused by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. As a result of this situation, the following conditions exist: as of March 8, 2021; Livingston County has experienced 9,439 confirmed cases of COVID 19 and 140 confirmed COVID 19 related deaths; Cases are expected to continue through spring of 2021, and Livingston County has received an insufficient amount of vaccine to address all currently eligible groups and vaccinations for the general public may not be available for several months leading into the summer of 2021, per current estimates. Livingston County is currently complying with the MDHHS issued epidemic orders under MCL 333.2253, which grants certain powers to the director of the department to protect public health. These epidemic orders partially replaced the EOs issued by Governor Whitmer to protect public health and safety.

On October 16, 2020 Senate Bill 1108 extended the ability to hold public meetings electronically / virtually through December 31, 2020 and retroactively from March 18, 2020. Further, that between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, public meetings may be held electronically / virtually if there is a statewide or local state of emergency or state of disaster as described in section 3(2).

On December 23, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed into law Senate Bill 1246, extending the authority for public bodies to conduct electronic "virtual" meetings for any reason through March 31, 2021. At this time, there is no amendment to extend Senate Bill 1246 beyond the expiration date of March 31, 2021.

The COVID 19 health crisis is expected to continue through the greater part of 2021. The health, safety, and welfare of Livingston County citizens, employees, directors, and government leadership is of paramount concern. This state of emergency is being declared by Livingston County in order to take action at the local level to protect the afore mentioned groups from the spread of infection, illness, and possible death caused by the COVID 19 virus.

Due to the prolonged nature of this event, this emergency declaration remains in effect until May 31, 2021 or when the board acts to terminate or extend the state of emergency.

Therefore, as Board of Commissioners Chairperson of the County of Livingston in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, I hereby declare that a "state of emergency" exists within our jurisdiction as of March 15, 2021 and that local resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. The response and recovery elements of our emergency operations plan have been activated.

Authorized by:

Wes Nakagiri
Chairperson, Board of Commissioners
County of Livingston

Signature: _____

Submittal Instructions

1. This declaration must be promptly forwarded (**via the MI CIMS as an attachment to the EM Program Status board, or by email, facsimile, or LEIN as a backup only if the MI CIMS is inoperable or not accessible / available**) to the Commanding Officer of the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, Michigan State Police (email address: MSP-EMHSD@michigan.gov; facsimile #: 517-284-3857; LEIN code: ELOP), and the appropriate MSP/EMHSD District Coordinator.
2. If the MI CIMS is inoperable or not accessible / available and using email, facsimile, or LEIN will delay the information, the telephone should be used. If telephone service is not available, radio may be used. MI CIMS or hardcopy confirmation must be forwarded as soon as possible.
3. A copy of this declaration should be kept on file with the local Clerk (County Clerk for counties; City or Township Clerk for municipal emergency management programs).