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## SAGINAW COUNTY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

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(SAGINAW) – Saginaw County Board of Commissioners Chairman, Michael Webster, announces that the county has officially declared a state of emergency in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

By declaring a state of emergency, Saginaw County activates response and recovery aspects of the Saginaw County Emergency Operations Plan, and local resources are being utilized to the fullest extent possible.

It also acknowledges that, despite these efforts, local resources will not be sufficient to cope with the situation and state assistance is needed.

By declaring a state of emergency, the county can access state and federal funds to help it through this crisis, Webster explains. Lt. Mark Przybylski, Saginaw County Emergency Management Coordinator, will provide liaison and coordination with state and federal authorities for assistance related to this incident.

"We don't want citizens to react to the emergency declaration with panic," Webster explains. "Instead, we want our community to know that your government is being proactive in seeking resources to best handle this crisis."

He encourages everyone to heed Governor Whitmer's Stay Home/Stay Safe order and stay vigilant in following guidance provided by national, state, and local experts for social distancing, hand washing, environmental cleaning, and selfquarantine when/if symptomatic. Saginaw County Governmental Center 111 S. Michigan Avenue Saginaw, MI 48602





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"Our community is incredibly resilient," Webster says. "We are Saginaw Strong. And we will come out the other side of this crisis even stronger."

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