



# Bloomfield Township

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Dear Township resident:

The threat of the Covid-19 (Corona) virus is reaching around the world and there is every reason to believe that at some point it will reach our community. I want the residents of Bloomfield Township to know that we are not standing still.

Internally, Bloomfield Township personnel have been meeting over the last few weeks to prepare for the emergence of the Covid-19 virus in southeast Michigan and in particular Bloomfield Township.

We have been working through the Emergency Operations protocol in conjunction with the county, state and federal government. By all accounts it is not a matter of IF we are impacted by the virus, but rather WHEN. The information that has been coming in from the Centers for Disease Control and the State Emergency Operations Center has been changing at a rapid pace.

We have already begun training all personnel to protect them and the community when assisting residents and when dealing with emergency situations. Our local dispatch center is asking appropriate questions regarding any medical symptoms or any recent travel by individuals calling in. Additionally, we are now asking about fever, cough and difficulty breathing since community spread, and not just travel, is likely tied to the prevalence of the virus.

We are following recommendations of the CDC. They recommend that all emergency providers wear the proper personal protective equipment. This consists of gloves, isolation gown, respiratory protection and eye protection. Currently we have this equipment in stock and have begun the process of adding more quantities to our reserves. Our Fire Department is one of only a few local fire departments that have an Electrostatic Decontamination Sprayer. This sprayer allows for the fast and efficient decontamination of transporting vehicles, eliminating the virus from all cracks and surfaces in about 10 minutes, aiding in a safe and clean transport of EMS patients.

The Township is implementing many steps to try to maintain the health of police, firefighter/paramedics and all township employees to treat and protect the residents of Bloomfield Township. These include:

- Increased emphasis on disinfecting at all Township facilities.
- Building Inspectors will be wearing gloves and shoe booties for any inspections that are conducted within the residence. Ordinance officers responding to complaints will be advised as well. If upon making an inspection it appears someone in the home may be ill, the inspection may be terminated and rescheduled for a later date. So, it is advisable that homeowners contact the Township Planning, Building & Ordinance Department to reschedule any interior inspections if a member of the household is sick.
- Police and Fire Departments are installing hand sanitizers at all stations. All uniforms are washed at the station, not taken home for cleaning. New laser thermometers are being used. Rescue vehicles are decontaminated after every call. With suspected virus patients only one emergency responder will make patient contact to limit exposure.

Bloomfield Township is fortunate to have a paramedical program with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, which has been in place for several years. Our paramedics have the resources to communicate directly with the doctors at the hospital to assess a patient's condition if hospital beds fill up and there are no rooms available.

Our objective is to protect the citizens of Bloomfield Township during this time of uncertainty. Hopefully, our preparations won't be needed but if they are we will be here for you. If you are sick, stay at home. And if you need us, call us.

We will keep everyone apprised as the situation progresses.

Leo Savoie

Bloomfield Township Supervisor on behalf of the Board of Trustees