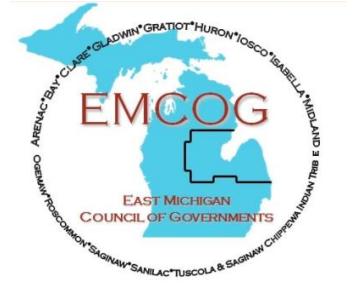


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**TO:** EMCOG Council and RED Team

**FROM:** Jane Fitzpatrick, Economic and Community Development Programs Manager

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**RE:** Integrated Economic and Community Development Activities Report

### COVID-19 DATA FOR THE EMCOG REGION

The following table summarizes the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths as of January 8, 2021 for each county within the EMCOG Region and Statewide, the ratio of confirmed cases per capita and the death rate. Overall our region has 39,008 confirmed cases or 1 case for every 19 people, the same as the statewide per capita number. We've experienced 1,224 COVID-19 deaths for a death rate of 3.1% in our region. The region's death rate is greater than the statewide death rate of 2.5%.

	Confirmed COVID-19 Cases	Confirmed COVID-19 Total Cases per Capita	Confirmed COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Death Rate
Arenac	572	1 per 26	25	4.4%
Bay	6,373	1 per 16	208	3.3%
Clare	1,148	1 per 27	46	4.0%
Gladwin	1,098	1 per 23	32	2.9%
Gratiot	2,272	1 per 18	80	3.5%
Huron	1,425	1 per 22	48	3.4%
Iosco	1,034	1 per 24	53	5.1%
Isabella	3,252	1 per 21	51	1.6%
Midland	3,747	1 per 22	47	1.3%
Ogemaw	858	1 per 24	28	3.3%
Roscommon	897	1 per 27	26	2.9%
Saginaw	12,368	1 per 15	420	3.4%
Sanilac	1,493	1 per 28	64	4.3%
Tuscola	2,471	1 per 21	96	3.9%
EMCOG	39,008	1 per 19	1,224	3.1%
Michigan	516,376	1 per 19	13,132	2.5%

This second table summarizes a component of the medical services available for all patient care including COVID-19 patients: the number of licensed acute care beds in each of the 14 counties. This data comes from the 2019 Michigan Certificate of Need Annual Survey. As shown, there is one bed for every 328 people within the region which is a greater availability than the statewide availability of 1 bed per 394 persons. The ratio of beds per population varies greatly from county to county as do the confirmed COVID-19 cases per capita (see the previous table)

	Licensed Beds	2019 Population	Licensed Beds per Population
County			
<b>Arenac</b>	25	14,883	1 Bed per 595 Population
<b>Bay</b>	407	103,126	1 Bed per 253 Population
<b>Clare</b>	49	30,950	1 Bed per 632 Population
<b>Gladwin</b>	25	25,449	1 Bed per 1,018 Population
<b>Gratiot</b>	67	40,711	1 Bed per 608 Population
<b>Huron</b>	98	30,981	1 Bed per 316 Population
<b>Iosco</b>	47	25,127	1 Bed per 535 Population
<b>Isabella</b>	118	69,872	1 Bed per 592 Population
<b>Midland</b>	308	83,156	1 Bed per 270 Population
<b>Ogemaw</b>	88	20,997	1 Bed per 239 Population
<b>Roscommon</b>	0	24,019	No Licensed Beds
<b>Saginaw</b>	948	190,539	1 Bed per 201 Population
<b>Sanilac</b>	65	41,170	1 Bed per 633 Population
<b>Tuscola</b>	50	52,245	1 Bed per 1,045 Population
EMCOG Region	2,295	753,225	1 Bed per 328 Population
State of Michigan	25,351	9,986,857	1 Bed per 394 Population

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS for COVID-19 Assistance:

- [Government Response to Coronavirus, COVID-19](#): Overview page for federal COVID-19 websites.
- [DOC COVID-19 Homepage](#)
- The USDA has compiled a resource for rural communities seeking federal funding and partnership opportunities to help address the COVID-19 pandemic. [The COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide](#) (PDF, 349 KB). For more information visit [www.usda.gov/coronavirus](http://www.usda.gov/coronavirus).

## EMCOG DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW FIVE-YEAR CEDS – STATUS UPDATE

**January, 2020 – January 2021:** With assistance of TIP Strategies, a total of 34 meetings of the RED Team, the CEDS Steering Committee and stakeholder meetings with representatives of every county in the EMCOG Region as well as focused stakeholder groups were held. There were over 280 attendees participating in the meetings. Beginning in March, the meetings switched to a virtual format due to the pandemic. Thirty-four people attended the last meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> during which the five goal areas or pillars of the CEDS were presented along with accompanying strategies. The CEDS document has been available for public comment beginning in late November. The final meeting for approval of the proposed CEDS is January 15, 2021 at the regular (virtual) RED Team meeting. The agenda for this meeting can be found at [www.emcog.org](http://www.emcog.org). This meeting will also include a workshop to develop the CEDS Implementation Matrix. Those wishing to participate in this workshop are asked to RSVP to me at [jfitzpatrick@emcog.org](mailto:jfitzpatrick@emcog.org) by Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

## FEMA DR-4547 Interagency Working Groups

I have been participating in the virtual meetings of the DR-4547 Interagency Working Group (five counties of Arenac, Gladwin, Iosco, Midland and Saginaw)/FEMA group and the newly formed State Assistance/Long Term Recovery task force. As FEMA begins the shift from emergency response to long-term recovery with a shift to State and Regional facilitation I have been in discussions with FEMA Region 5 (Chicago Office) about future coordination and assistance toward the long-term economic recovery. More information will be provided as we work our way through the establishment of a process for the long term economic recovery for the EMCOG Region. As we work through the process with FEMA and other agencies we are reminded of how necessary it is that each county hazardous mitigation plan be up to date and that all local units of government within the counties participate in the plan development process.

## INTEGRATED ASSET MANAGEMENT – ASSET MANAGEMENT READINESS

The Asset Management Readiness Assessment Scale tool was officially released on February 20, 2020 by the Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC). Infrastructure owners such as local communities, water authorities, road commissions, public or private utilities and communications companies can receive help to understand, measure and advance their asset management proficiencies through this tool using metrics that are consistent throughout the State.

The “Scale” is based on five (5) asset management competencies:

1. People and Leadership;
2. Data and Information;
3. Planning and Prioritization;
4. Policy and Governance; and
5. External Communication and Knowledge Sharing

The MIC has partnered with the Michigan Association of Regions to help train infrastructure owners with The Scale and to collect results that will guide regional and state policy as well as to target resources. EMCOG is assisting with this initiative.

The Michigan Infrastructure Council will be releasing a first quarter report (October – December, 2020) of the assessments completed during this time frame. To date seventeen (17) infrastructure owners, such as cities, villages, townships and counties have submitted their assessments.

To learn more about the MIC and to download the Asset Management Readiness Scale go to [www.michigan.gov/mic](http://www.michigan.gov/mic). There are also instructional videos at this same website. EMCOG is available to provide guidance to infrastructure owners to complete the Scale and confidentially submit scores. Any data voluntarily provided to EMCOG and/or MIC will be de-identified and be used only in aggregate format to help develop statewide infrastructure asset management policy. You may also contact me directly at [jfitzpatrick@emcog.org](mailto:jfitzpatrick@emcog.org)

## **WATER ASSET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (WAMC)**

The WAMC last met on October 23rd. The overall result of the meeting is to review the schedule for asset management plans for a year. The decision was made to extend the due dates for the next round of asset management plans to October of 2021. The impacts of the pandemic on state and local government operations are factors in the decision. Our next meeting is coming up this month.

You can find out more information about WAMC at [https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3306\\_88771\\_90745---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3306_88771_90745---,00.html)

## **OPPORTUNITY ZONES RESOURCES**

Here is a link to the STATSAMERICA Resources:

<http://www.statsamerica.org/opportunity/>

EDA has established an Opportunity Zone web page for economic development stakeholders and others to use as a resource to further help foster job creation and attract private investment to support development in economically distressed areas.

<https://www.eda.gov/opportunity-zones/>

Here is the link to the HUD Opportunity Zones resource website:

<https://opportunityzones.hud.gov/>

HUD has published a list of federal programs offering Opportunity Zone Benefits. There are currently 143 grants and programs offering Opportunity Zone benefits including bonus points, preference points, priority consideration or special consideration.

[https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/documents/OppZone\\_Agency\\_Completed\\_Actions\\_2019\\_0808.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/documents/OppZone_Agency_Completed_Actions_2019_0808.pdf)

Here is a link to an interactive map of all the Opportunity Zones (tracts) in Michigan.

<https://michigan.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8b1413d59b8d420faf5217a5ab52851>