



Safe and Calm

LeadingAge Michigan's Response to the
COVID-19 Pandemic

April 8, 2020

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Safe and Calm - Purpose



- Provide easy access to pertinent materials – LeadingAge Michigan staff will be reviewing new and updated materials on a daily basis; with a view to limit duplication and unrelated materials
- To keep our member community updated on a daily basis about current spread of the disease with a focus on Michigan
- Noting that the operational issues will be paramount – to identify ways to share ideas and challenges, best practices with a view to standardize care as much as possible. Creating care models based on standards will be critical for any future legal issues.
- To elicit from members ideas about their needs to inform our advocacy here in Lansing

Forum Agenda

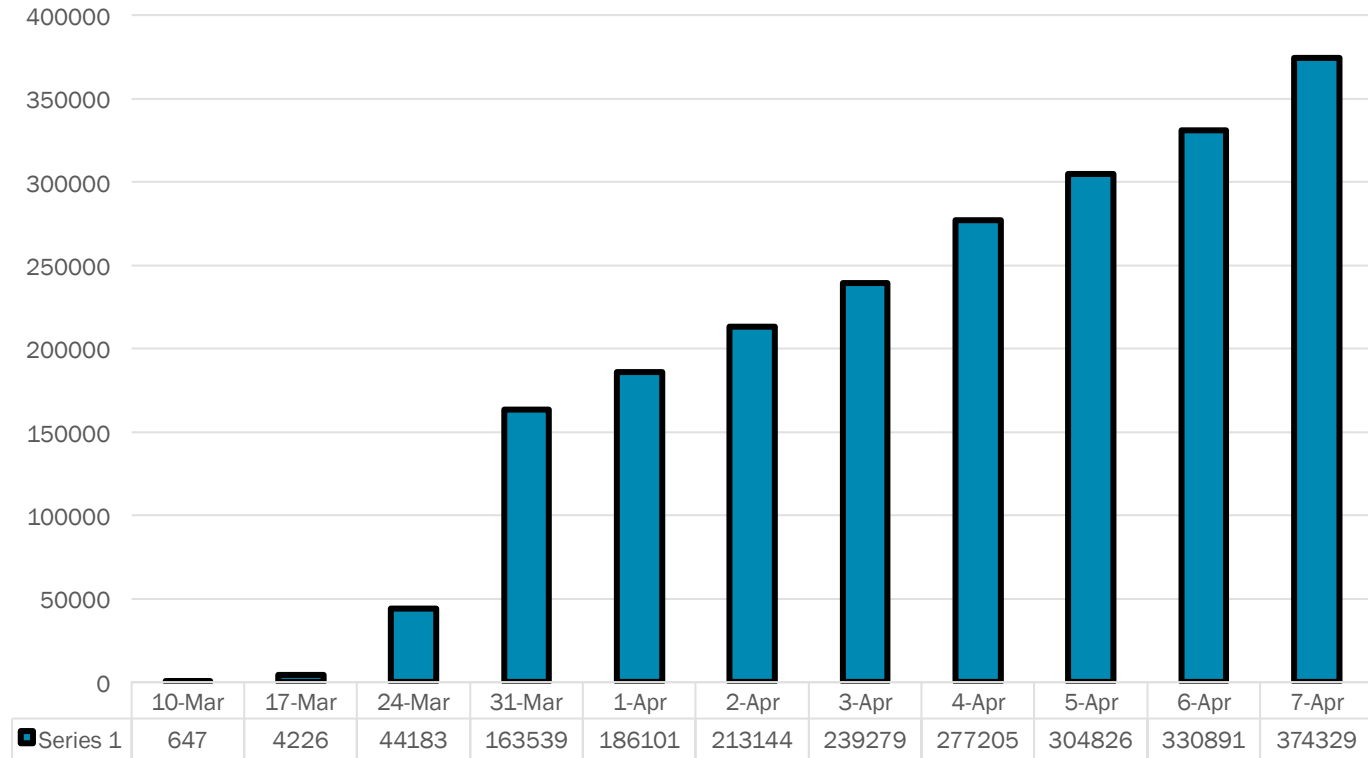
- *National and Michigan current situation*
- *LeadingAge Michigan Advocacy*
- *Updated Resources*
- *Member Discussion*
- *Input and comments as to resource needs, what is helpful*



National And Michigan Current Situation

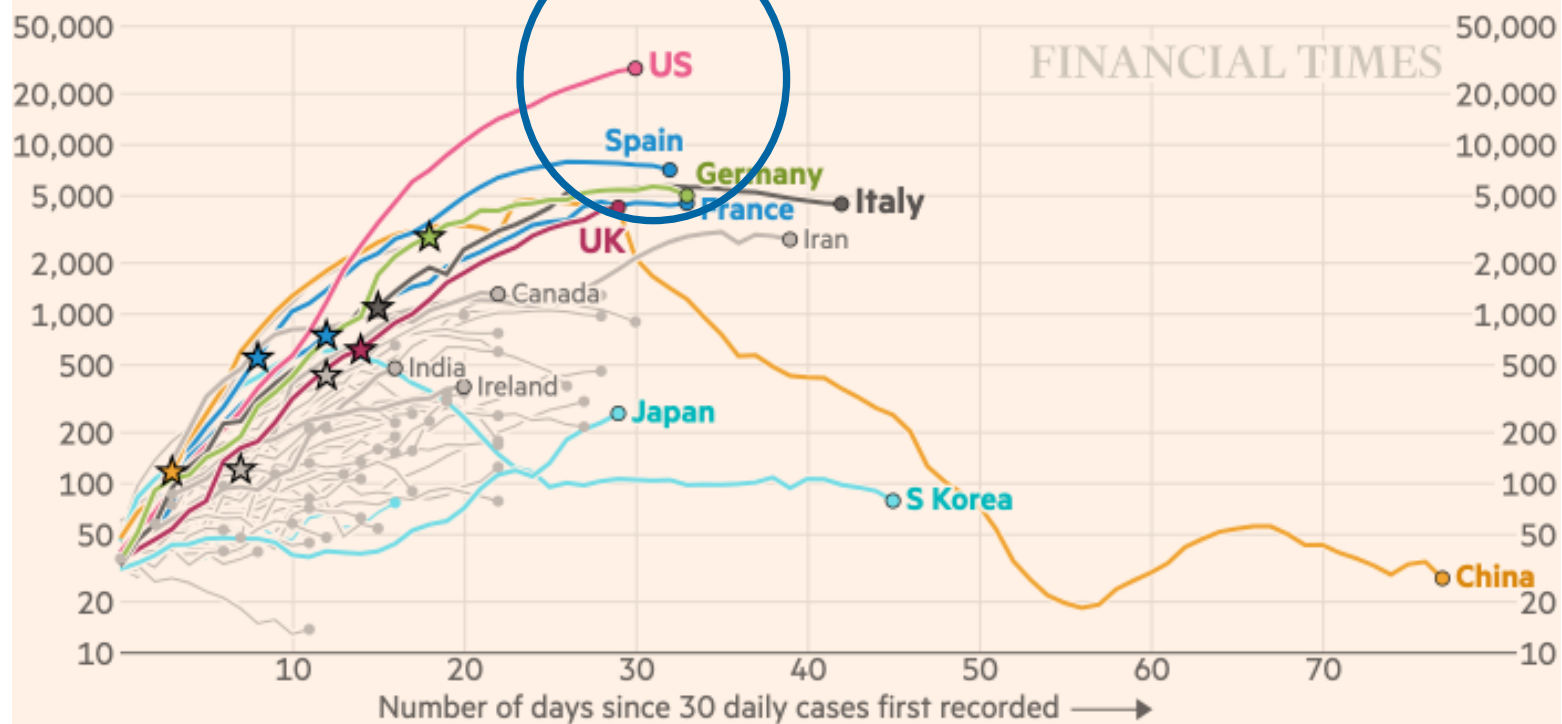
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Total National Cases/CDC



Italy has turned the corner, with numbers of new cases now in decline, following in China's footsteps

Daily confirmed cases (7-day rolling avg.), by number of days since 30 daily cases first recorded
Stars represent national lockdowns



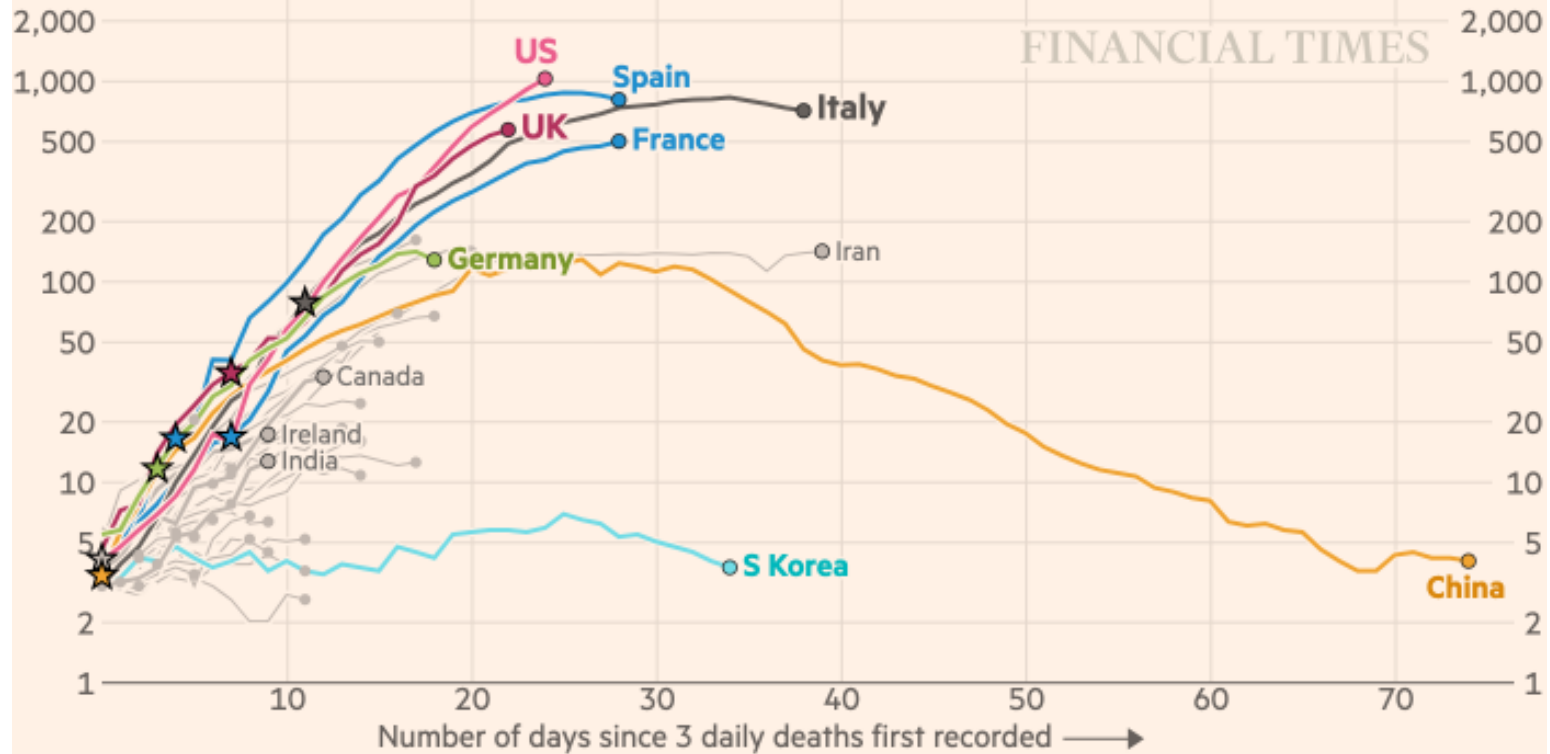
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Italy and Spain's daily death tolls are plateauing, but in the UK and US every day brings more new deaths than the last

Daily coronavirus deaths (7-day rolling avg.), by number of days since 3 daily deaths first recorded



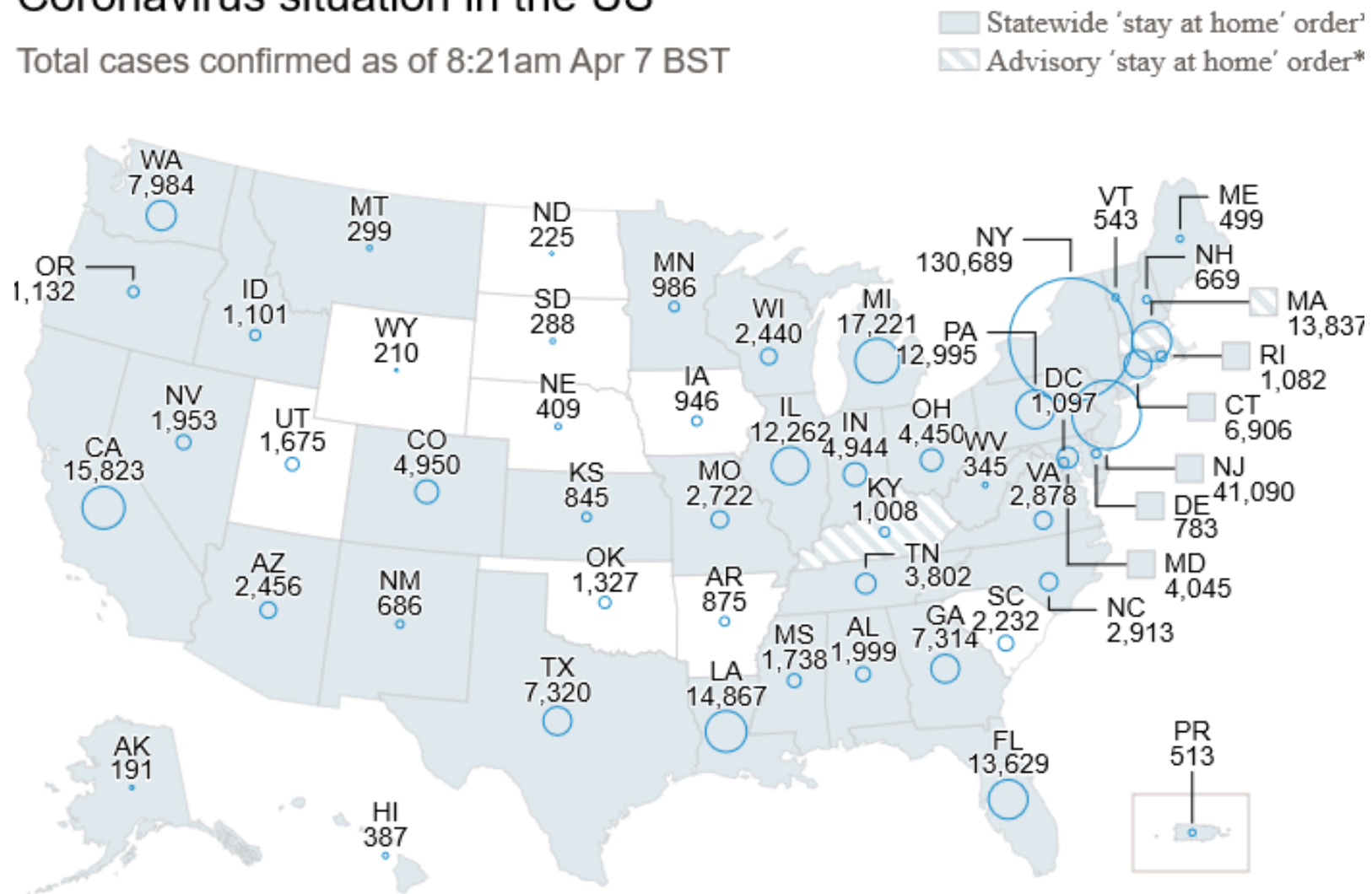
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Coronavirus situation in the US

Total cases confirmed as of 8:21am Apr 7 BST



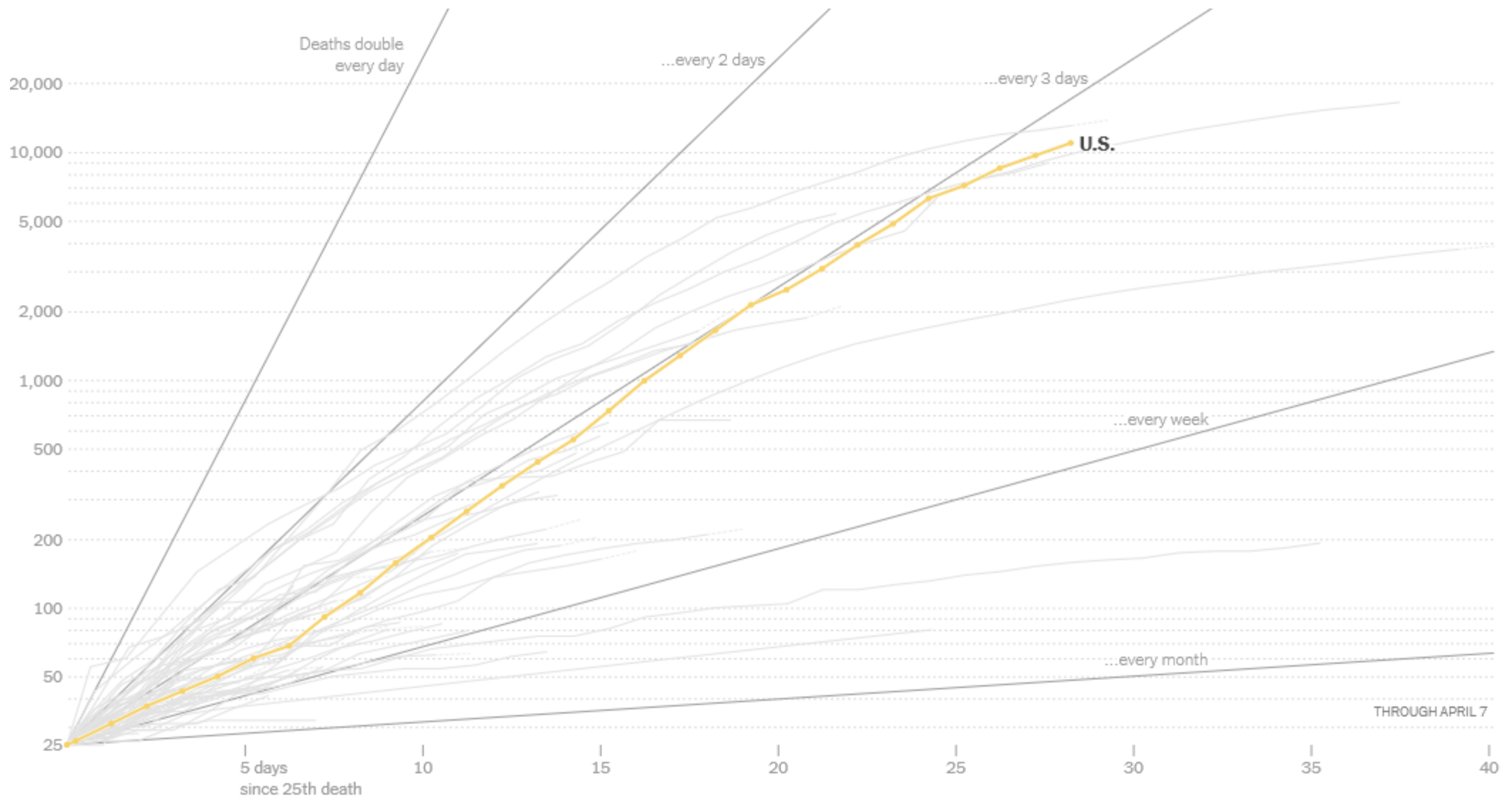
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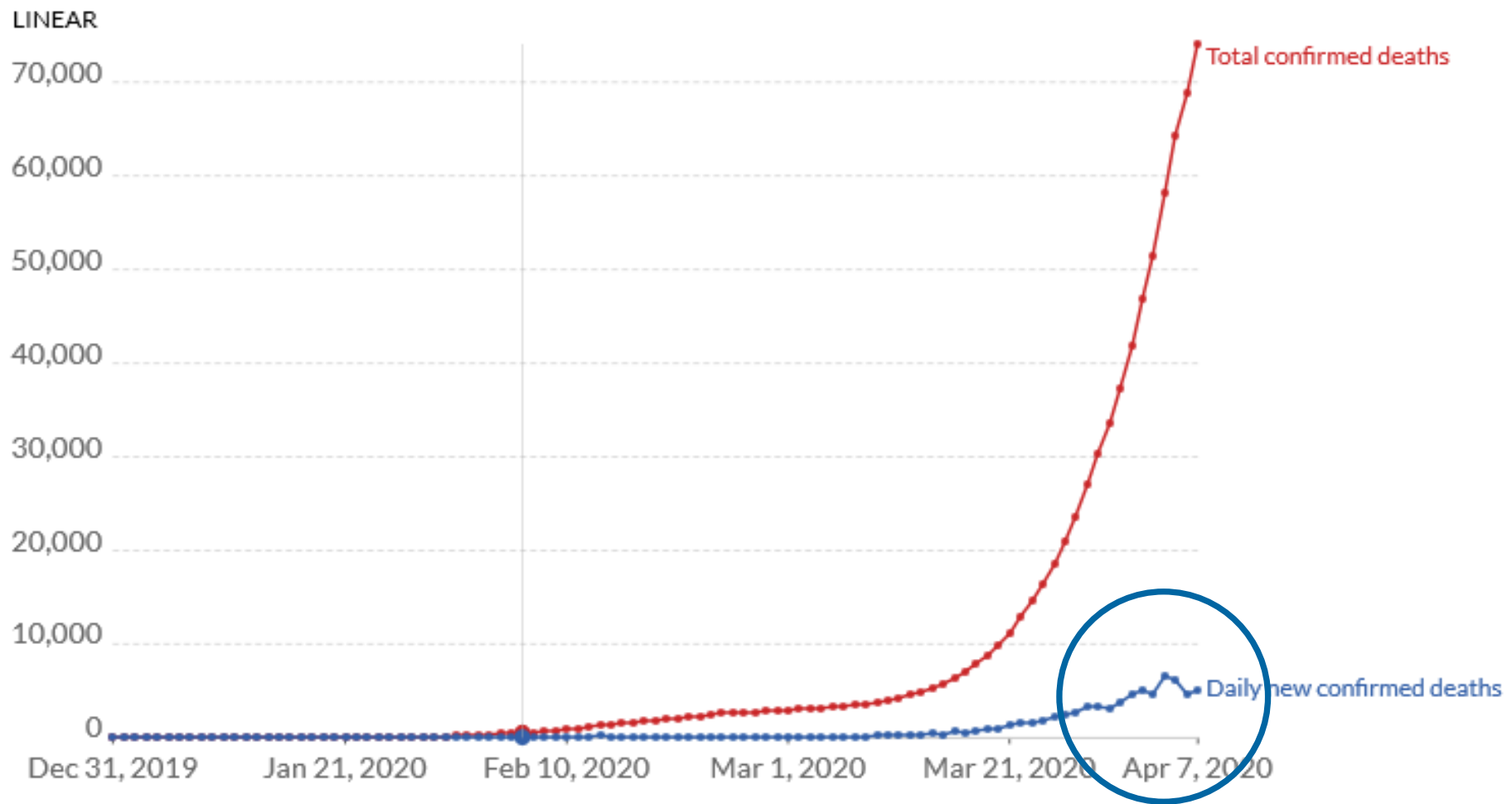
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*Includes 'shelter in place' orders

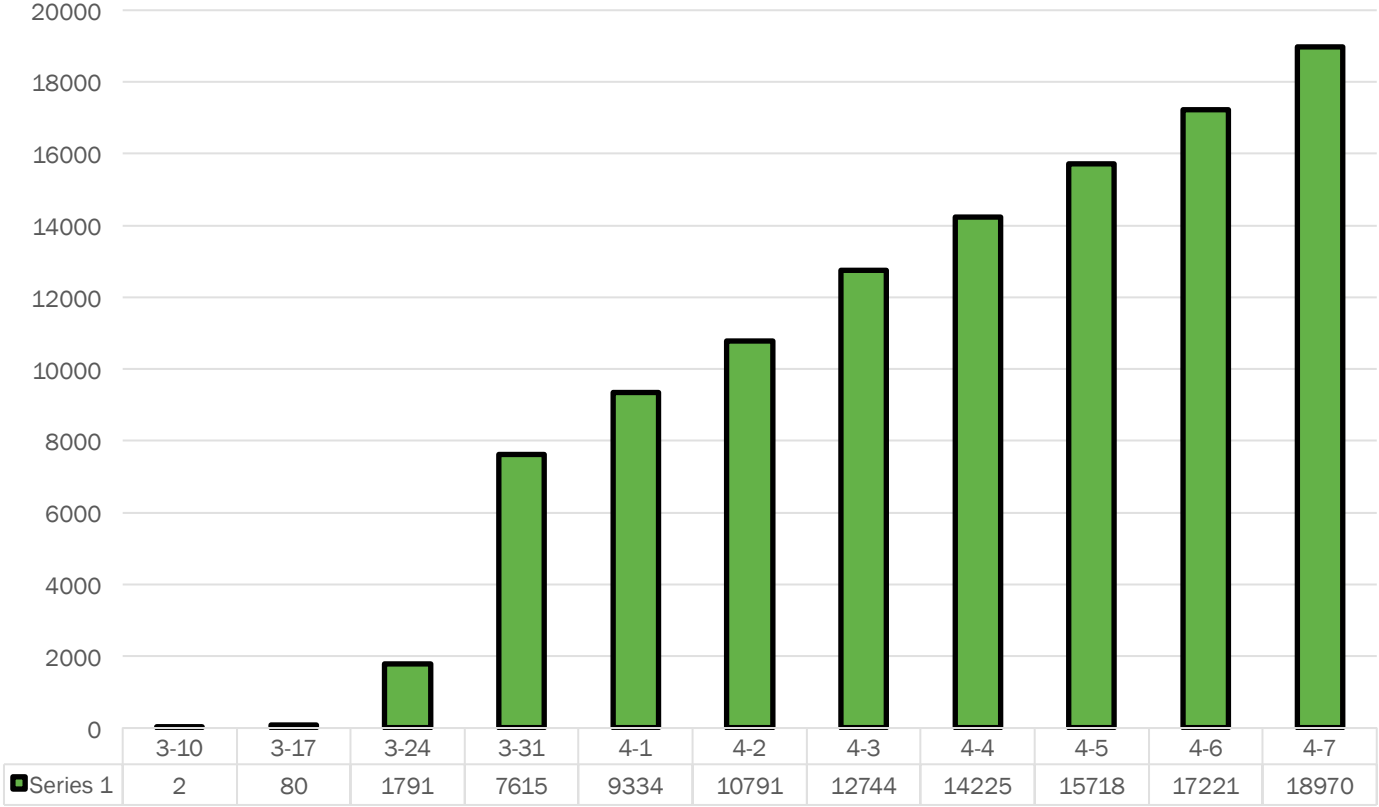
**Includes Kentucky's 'healthy at home' order





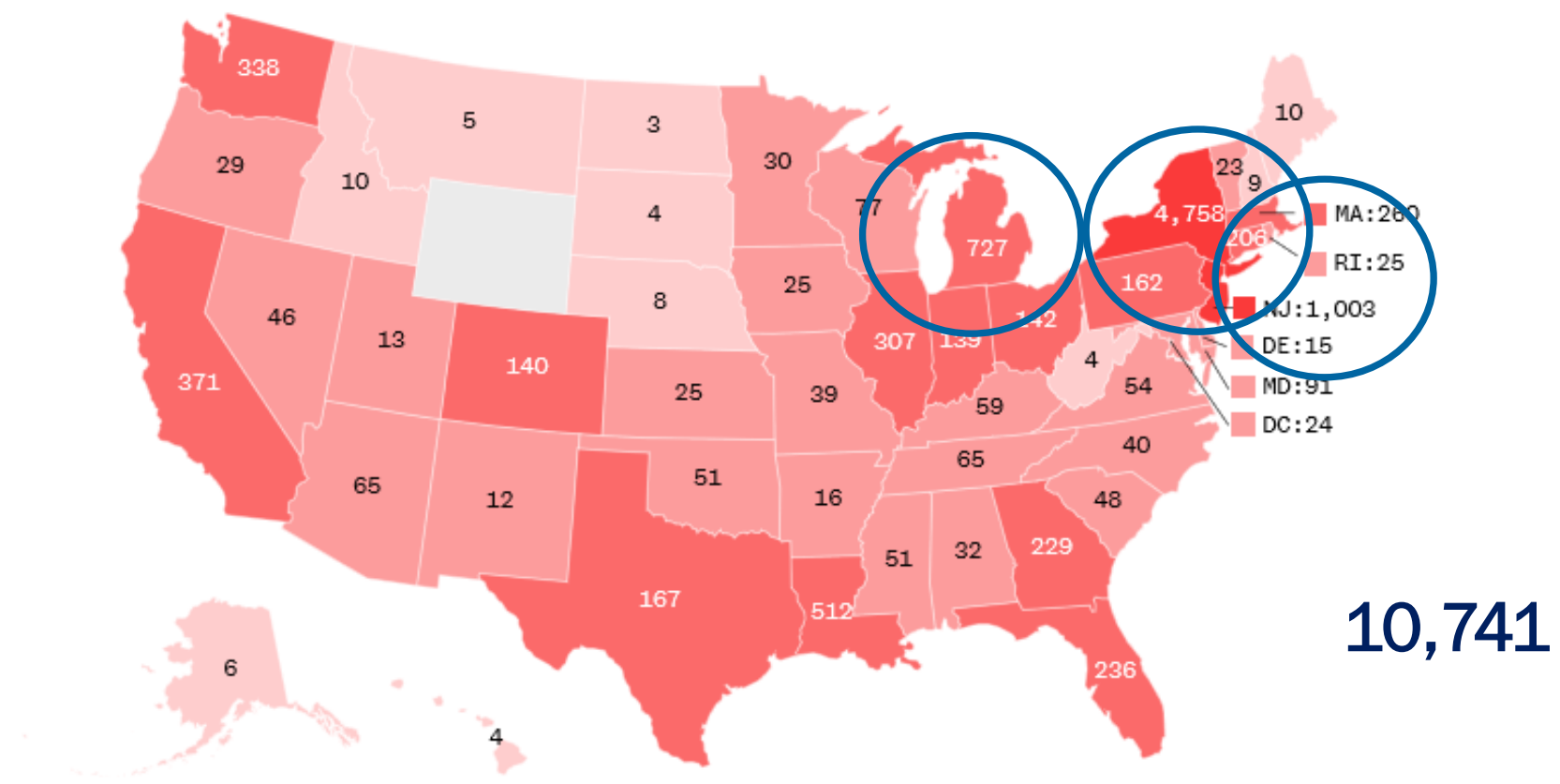
From the University of Oxford

Michigan Total Positive COVID -19 Cases per MDHHS



Hospitalized (4/6/2020)

	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	Hospitalized
New York	130,689	4,758	13,000	29,387
New Jersey	41,090	1,003	92	12,779
Michigan	17221	727	5	3856
Louisiana	14867	512	--	1809
Massachusetts	13837	260	3218	1145
California	13438	319	307	2398
Pennsylvania	12980	162	--	404
Florida	12925	236	--	1592
Illinois	11256	274	--	--



- U.S. territories:**
- Guam:4
 - Northern Mariana Islands:1
 - Puerto Rico:21

Deaths per State As of 6:00 pm 4/6/2020

Leadingage Michigan Advocacy

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4/8/2020

At the Top of our Advocacy Agenda

Legal Immunity

- Working with both state and federal policymakers to pass (or grant through policy) broad legal immunity to health care workers, providers, and residential communities in connection with their response to this declared State of Emergency.
- The Governor's Executive Order for healthcare professionals only limited liability related to injuries while providing care

Funding and Financial Issues

- Any increase (6%) in the federal FMAP funding should be distributed equally among healthcare organizations to compensate all of Michigan's LTCSS providers for their increased costs related to C19.
 - *Our concern is that given the state's economic struggles these dollars could be re-allocated to potentially cover expenditures such as increased unemployment claims.*
- Call upon the governor's office, MDHHS and the legislature to set aside the Executive Budget recommendation to create and implement a new reimbursement for Skilled Nursing Facilities by October 1, 2020. New reimbursement model at this time will only create more confusion and upheaval with fragile providers.
- The Civil Money Penalty fund has fund accumulated overtime and relates directly to fines paid by Skilled Nursing Facilities for regulatory violations. Currently, this fund approximates \$23M and should be used to help offset pandemic expenses incurred by Michigan Nursing Homes.



Resource Updates

4/8/2020

Health Care Restrictions

- 2020-06: Temporary restrictions on entry to health care facilities, residential/congregate care
- 2020-07: Temporary restrictions on entry to health care facilities, residential/congregate care
- 2020-13: Enhancements to capacity and efficiency of health care facilities
- 2020-17: Restrictions on non essential medical and dental procedures
- 2020-25: Enhancing capacity and efficiency of pharmacies/refills
- 2020-30: Eases standards for licensed personnel
- **2020-37: Extends visitation restrictions/screenings; includes IL**

Workforce

- 2020-10: Temporary expansion in unemployment eligibility and cost sharing
- 2020-16: Expanding Child Care Access
- 2020-24: Expansion in unemployment eligibility and cost sharing
- 2020-31: Temporary relief from gasoline vapor pressure requirements
- **2020-36: Employers cannot discharge high risk persons for staying home.**

Public Services

- 2020-14: Extension of deadline to redeem property for tax non-payment
- 2020-22: Extension of county canvass deadlines for Primary Election
- 2020-26: Extension of Michigan income tax deadlines
- 2020-27: May 5 elections and absent voter ballots
- 2020-28: Restoring water to occupied residences
- 2020-38: Suspends response times for FOIA and public bodies;

Other

- 2020-08: Enhances restrictions on price gouging
- 2020-12: Enhanced support for deliveries
- 2020-15: Authorization for remote public hearings and school boards
- 2020-18: Enhances restrictions on price gouging
- 2020-19: Prohibits entry to premises to remove a tenant
- 2020-23: Authorization of remote means for state administrative procedures
- 2020-29: COVID-19 protocols for Department of Corrections

EO 2020-36

- Persons with close contact with +COVID or displays one or more of principal symptoms of COVID must remain in their home or residence until 14 days since contact, or demonstrates a negative COVID-19 test.
- Employers cannot discharge or discipline and employee for staying when they are at particular risk of infecting others
 - *Must treat employee as if taking medical leave*
 - *Leave can be paid or unpaid*
- **Employers prohibited from discharging an employee (described 2/3) for failing to comply with a requirement to document that the employee or someone in contact has one or more of the principle symptoms of COVID 19.**

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- Employers can discharge/discipline for
 - *Failing to return to work under sections 2-3 but declines to do so*
 - *With the employee's consent*
 - *For any other reason that is not lawful*
- Director of Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity enforces order
- Section 2: All who test positive or display one or more of principle symptoms should remain at home until three days since symptoms resolved, seven days since symptoms appeared, **or seven days** since they were swabbed as negative.

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- Section 3: Persons who have had close contact with positive patient, or someone with one or more symptoms must stay home until 14 days have passed or the symptomatic person has been found negative
 - *Except for health professionals, workers at health facilities, first responders, workers in correctional institutions*
- Persons who return to work early shall not be entitled to these protections
- Persons identified in sections 2 – 3 may only leave home for supplies to sustain or protect life, taking precautions – they can engage in outdoor activities with social distancing but must wear a mask of some sort – reserving surgical and N95 masks for health care and first responders

EO 2020-37

- Temporary restrictions on entry into health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities
- Restricts entry to those necessary for the provision of medical care, support for ADLs, or exercise of POA or guardianship, for persons at end of life
- Requires health evaluation of all persons entering the facility including fever, cough, shortness of breath, and contact with a person with a confirmed diagnosis within the past 14 days.
- **Extends these guidelines to May 3, 2020**
- **Defines residential/congregate care facilities to including Independent Living**



CMS April 2 LTC Facility Guidance

- Nursing homes should immediately ensure that they are complying with all CMS and CDC Guidance related to infection control.
 - *Hand hygiene*
 - *Infection Control Survey Guidance and Self Assessment*
- Designated entry points – Only EMS personnel should be able to access without first being screened
- All residents must have temperature taken daily
- Recommends COVID testing for all new admissions – Michigan does not require testing before hospital discharge, encourage to have testing done as soon as possible
- Where there is community transmission, universal use of face masks for everyone while in facility; medical facemasks only for presumed or positive cases
 - ***Consider full PPE where there is sustained transmission in the community***
 - *Full PPE when there are positive cases in your community*
- Use of separate staffing teams
- Consider designated facilities

MDHHS Planning

- *LeadingAge Michigan* is working with MDHHS on plan to support existing member C19 units or capacity and simultaneously stand up regional hubs. While these discussions are still formative MDHHS plans to move forward with willing organizations to:
 - *Research the possibility of setting up care hubs*
 - *Assist in providing and delivering PPE;*
 - *Develop partnerships with the Department of Public Health.*
 - *Work with the Department of Technology, Management and Budget, State Treasurer to ensure adequate compensation. Current discussions include a cash infusion with per bed funding and a lump sum advance to get started.*
- These hubs could interact with regional centers, hospital care centers
- We are also working to consider liability relief for such settings and are working with both the our state Medicaid Director and Director of MDLARA to determine the quickest way to stand up and reimburse both Licensed and Unlicensed Alternative Care Sites in Michigan.
- Survey was sent to NFs, AL, IL on Monday to identify potential providers

MDHHS/MDLARA Discussions

- We continue to work with MDHHS and MLARA to remove any barriers and streamline the statewide processes allowing LeadingAge Michigan members to care for the consumers they serve. A few of the initiatives we have seen success are:
 - *Non-Available Beds Plans*
 - *Emergency CONs*
 - *Medicaid Advance Payments and Provider Tax postponement*
- MDLARA – eliminate background checks and fingerprinting for all health care providers
- We continue to pursue Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

MDHHS Suspends Medicaid Closures

4/7/2020

- Through April 2020 or the state of emergency, Medicaid Program coverage will only be closed if an individual moves out of state, requests that benefits close, or become deceased.
- Individuals may move to other Medicaid groups: individuals will not see a decrease in their benefit amount and their case will stay open during the emergency

Nursing Home Infection Control Surveys

- Rumors that these might be going away – but no official word
- Policies requested – thank you Lourdes
- Nursing home Infection Control Survey Findings: 2 cases
 - *ABHS dispensers empty*
 - *Mask not covering nose/no hand hygiene after handling the mask*
 - *Failure to adequately disinfect thermometer between use*

Reminders – Think Ahead!!

- Consider asking your finance staff to quickly review your **Directors & Officers liability policy** to understand what is covered and what is not during this period of uncertainty. Additionally, it never hurts to reach out to your insurance agent and have a consultative conversation with him or her.
- Be sure to have someone in your organization track all of these related C19 costs. Outside of the anticipated budgetary constraints, in Michigan, there will come a time when state tax revenues are so limited that LeadingAge Michigan members will experience challenges to their **tax exempt status**.

Controlling Spread in Residential Settings

- Preliminary data review indicates that infections in these settings are important drivers of spread:
 - *Need to address employees and residents who may have had exposure or started to demonstrate symptoms of the disease*
 - *Failure to immediately separate, cohort, and limit movement of persons suspected of disease along with confining care to dedicated staff*



What's Happening In Assisted Living?

4/1/2020

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