



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Kalamazoo County Government Moves back to Phase 4 of the COVID Preparedness and Response Plan

Changes Effective Monday, August 9th

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — In consideration of the July 27, 2021, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated recommendation for mask wearing, and to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent the spread of COVID-19 to others, the CDC recommends everyone – including fully vaccinated individuals – wear a mask indoors in public if in an area of substantial or high transmission.

Due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in the state of Michigan, Kalamazoo County Government will move back from Phase 5 to Phase 4 of the organization's COVID Response Plan. This includes implementing the following safety measures across all County buildings for Kalamazoo County staff and visitors ***effective Monday, August 9th, 2021***:

- **Face coverings are required for unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals**
- Buildings will be open with a reduced schedule of 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Appointments are recommended.
- Individuals must socially distance themselves

Kalamazoo County is now classified at the substantial community transmission level with a case rate of 55.5 per 100,000 persons (Time frame: July 26-Aug 01) and a test positivity rate of 7% (Time frame: July 24-July 30).

Individuals can monitor updates on the COVID situation by visiting www.kalcounty.com/covid19.

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