

SUSPENSION
OF ALL INGHAM COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT'S
PUBLIC/IN-PERSON BID/PROPOSAL OPENINGS

The Ingham County Purchasing Department has suspended all public/in-person bid/proposal openings until further notice. We are taking precautions to protect the public at large, as well as, county employees and their families given the recent events surrounding the coronavirus disease.

BID/PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS - HOW TO SUBMIT A BID/PROPOSAL

- 1) Email a PDF of your bid/proposal to packetresponse@ingham.org prior to the due date and time as indicated on the request for bid/proposal. You will receive a confirmation that the email of the bid/proposal was received.
 - If you need assistance; or, have a problem with sending the PDF to the packet response email; please contact Julie Buckmaster, jbuckmaster@ingham.org
 - All submissions must be received prior to the due date and time, even if, assistance is required to convert to PDF, email or upload.
 - Proposals will be opened the scheduled date and time indicated in the RFP/ITB; then, results will be posted by packet number on the Purchasing Department's 2020 archive page, link: <http://pu.ingham.org/Home/BidArchives/2020ARCHIVE.aspx>.
 - If you have any questions regarding a bid/proposal opening please email questions@ingham.org.
- 2) Mail or express mail will still be accepted on or before due dates.

Summary of State of Emergency Operation

On Feb. 3, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) activated the Community Health Emergency Coordination Center, and it has been working diligently with local health departments, health systems and medical providers to make sure appropriate screening and preparations for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) are being made. On Feb. 28, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer activated the State Emergency Operations Center to maximize coordination with state, local and federal agencies, as well as private partners, and to help prevent the spread of the disease. Since then, the administration has been working with schools, businesses, medical providers, and local health departments to make sure they have the information they need to prepare for potential cases. MDHHS also launched a campaign to raise awareness of appropriate hand washing techniques to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses.

As part of Michigan's efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19, Governor Whitmer has created four task forces:

1. The COVID-19 Task Force on State Operations, covering all aspects of state operations, including employment and facilities.
2. The COVID-19 Task Force on Health and Human Services, covering the provision of medical and human services, including protecting the healthcare workforce.

3. The COVID-19 Task Force on Education, covering K-12 public schools and universities and colleges.
4. The COVID-19 Task Force on Economy/Workforce, covering general economic impact, workforce, supply chain, business continuity, and related issues.

MDHHS is participating in national calls to stay up to date on the investigation and is implementing all CDC disease prevention guidance. MDHHS will continue to update statewide healthcare providers with this information as it is received.

The best prevention for respiratory illnesses, in general, are to practice good hand hygiene (wash hands often with soap and water), stay home when ill and to get recommended vaccinations.

Ref: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98160-520733--,00.html>