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Our Vision

That the Genesee County Medical Society maintain its position as the premier medical society by advocating on behalf of its physician members and patients.

Our Mission

The mission of the Genesee County Medical Society is leadership, advocacy, education, and service on behalf of its members and their patients.

PLEASE NOTE

The GCMS Nominating Committee seeks input from members for nominations for the GCMS Presidential Citation for Lifetime Community Service. The Committee would like to be made aware of candidates for consideration.

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GCMS Meetings

Practice Manager's Meeting

September 10th , 2026
9:00 A.M.

Board of Director's – Live Meeting

Sagano's 2065 S. Linden Flint, MI
September 22nd , 2026
6:00 P.M.

GCMS/GCMSA President's Ball

Sloan Museum Exhibit Room
October 24TH , 2026
5:00 P.M.

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A WORD FROM OUR GCMS PRESIDENT

GCMS friends,

I recently attended a Community Dinner at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, where I had the opportunity to welcome the newest medical students coming to Flint for their clinical education. My conversations focused on vocation, not simply choosing a specialty or finding a job, but establishing roots in a community where we can build meaningful lives

So many members of the Genesee County Medical Society have done exactly that. You have built practices, led hospitals, taught generations of learners, cared for entire families, and served this community far beyond the walls of an exam room. These are stories worth sharing. Our students need to hear how a life in medicine can become a life of purpose in Genesee County.

Henry Ford Genesys recently met with Grand Blanc High School to discuss expanding physician and nurse shadowing opportunities. This work is important because the pathway into healthcare begins long before medical school. Sometimes it begins when a young student is invited into a hospital, ambulance, clinic, operating room, or nursing unit and sees a future they had never imagined for themselves.

When we look at everything already present in Flint and Genesee County, our potential is remarkable. We educate and train first responders, EMTs, paramedics, medical assistants, dental assistants, nurses, respiratory therapists, physical and occupational therapists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, pharmacists, social workers, public-health professionals, medical students, residents, fellows, MDs, DOs, and virtually every member of the healthcare team.

We do not currently have a dental school or a pharmacy school, but otherwise, we have nearly the entire healthcare-education continuum represented in our community. We have the people, institutions, clinical volume, and educational bandwidth to make Genesee County a true hub for learning, service, and patient care.

Flint is too often described only by its NEEDS. I have read every major community health need assessment produced here over the past decade. We know the problems. We know the disparities. We know where the gaps exist, and we are forever grateful to all of the community servants, volunteers and business leaders who work every day to make lives better.

However, one of our most important remaining gaps is an Addiction Medicine Fellowship. Few communities understand the consequences of addiction more directly than ours. This is our battlefield, and it should also become a place where physicians come to learn how to confront addiction with knowledge, compassion, evidence-based treatment, and hope. New state grant and loan-repayment opportunities may help us recruit physicians while reducing the burden of their medical-school debt.

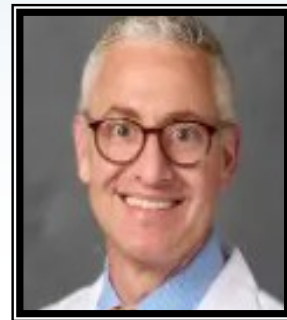
I am therefore making a commitment: by July 2029, we will establish an Addiction Medicine Fellowship in our community.

This will require collaboration among our hospitals, medical schools, public-health partners, treatment organizations, foundations, physicians, and community leaders. It will not be easy, but the pieces are already here. What we need now is the will to bring them together.

By investing in learners at every level, from high-school students and first responders to medical students and subspecialty fellows we can demonstrate to Michigan and the country that Flint and Genesee County are premier destinations for learning medicine, practicing medicine, and building a meaningful life in service to others.

Michael J. Danic, DO, FASA, FASAM

President, Genesee County Medical Society



DR. MICHAEL DANIC, D.O.

GCMS PRESIDENT

A WORD FROM OUR GCMS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GCMS Membership Update for 2027

The Genesee County Medical Society has received many questions about the new membership payment system.

This article outlines the changes for 2027 membership payments paid directly to GCMS.

The Genesee County Medical Society had partnered with Michigan State Medical Society, membership was mandatory for both organizations.

Membership dues were processed through MSMS and dispersed to GCMS for its portion of the dues.

This partnership had existed for over 100 years.

In 2026 GCMS membership dues were \$415 and MSMS dues were \$495 for a total of \$915 per membership.

At the 2026 MSMS House of Delegates, MSMS changed the bylaws for membership. It is no longer mandatory for a physician to be a member of both the county and state medical societies. A physician can be a member of GCMS, MSMS, or both.

The Genesee County Medical Society in April of 2026, approved a membership fee reduction for 2027 membership. GCMS has reduced the membership fee to \$150, an annual savings of \$265.

It is no longer required to join Michigan State Medical Society and pay the additional \$495 fee.

Genesee County Medical Society is processing all of its membership dues internally for 2027. Invoices are generated through Quick Books and paid directly to GCMS.

MSMS is no longer a collection hub for GCMS, and payments for GCMS membership can no longer be paid to MSMS.

August 1, 2026 GCMS began sending invoices by email, and collecting 2027 membership dues from all of the group memberships.

Invoices emailed by GCMS have many different payment options, including credit card.

September 2026, GCMS will begin email invoicing all individual members directly for 2027 dues.

GCMS is an organization established in 1841, has a reduced membership fee that all physicians can afford.

All retired physicians, medical students, and residents may become a member free of charge.

Please consider a GCMS 2027 membership.

For information or questions please contact:

executivedirector@gcms.org



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GCMS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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**MEDICAL
SOCIETY**
Established 1841

Genesee County Medical Society

Presents:

GCMS/GCMSA

2026 President's Ball

Honoring GCMS President

Dr. Michael Danic

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♥ Genesee Charter Township

♥ Montrose Charter Township

♥ Mount Morris Charter Township

Eligible families receive \$1,500 during pregnancy, and babies receive \$500 a month during infancy.

Share with your patients!

Learn more at RxKids.org



Henry Ford Genesys Hospital **HENRY FORD HEALTH**

Congdon Lecture: Thriving in Medicine: Skills for Wellbeing, Resilience, and Purpose

September 9, 2026

Meet Our Speakers



Agenda

Start Time	Lecture and Speaker	Learning Objective: At the end of this lecture attendees will be able to:
7:45 AM	When Medicine Meets Meaning: The Promise of ACP Simin Beg, MD	Apply patient-centered communication strategies to support value-concordant advance care planning.
8:45 AM	Depression in Physicians Matthew Macaluso, DO	Identify signs of depression in physicians and strategies to support early recognition and intervention.
9:45 AM	Break	
10:00 AM	Resiliency Tools: Zone of Resilience Lindsey Hunt, PhD & Heather Kirkpatrick, PhD	Apply practical strategies to recognize and maintain the Zone of Resilience during periods of stress.
10:30 AM	Intern Wellness Project Elena Frank, PhD	Identify organizational strategies to reduce work-family conflict and support physician mental health.
11:15 AM	Thriving in Medicine: Fireside Chat Bobby Mukkamala, MD & Michael Danic, DO	Examine physician experiences to identify strategies for managing career challenges and maintaining well-being.
12:15 PM	Lunch	
12:45 PM	EHR and Wellness Lisa Rotenstein, MD	Implement strategies to reduce EHR-related burden and promote physician well-being.
1:45 PM	Secondary Trauma Heather Kirkpatrick, PhD	Recognize the impact of secondary trauma and strategies to support clinician well-being and resilience.
2:15 PM	Resiliency Tools: Compassion with Healthy Boundaries Lindsey Hunt, PhD & Heather Kirkpatrick, PhD	Demonstrate strategies for maintaining healthy boundaries while providing compassionate patient care.

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- Henry Ford St. John Hospital is accredited by the Michigan State Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.
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Registration is now open!

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- The millage provides funding to **Genesee Health Plan (GHP)** for basic, affordable health care coverage for Genesee County residents age 19 and older
- Through the millage, the coverage GHP provides includes **doctor visits, mental health counseling, prescription drugs, labs, mammograms, and cancer screenings** and **treatment**, as well as **dental care** for seniors, veterans and adults
- Over the past 25 years, **one in four** Genesee County residents has received coverage through GHP



Millage Details

- **This is a Renewal** of the existing millage-not a new tax
- Genesee County voters have approved the Health Care Services Millage three times: 2006, 2012, and 2018
- Property tax rate: .80 mills
- Duration: 5 years

For more information contact GHP at 844-232-7740 or visit geneseehealthplan.org

GREAT THINGS ARE
HAPPENING AT
GCMS.. STAY TUNED!!!

From the AMA

GLP-1 receptor agonists linked to improved remission rates in patients with ulcerative colitis

[MedPage Today](#) (8/26, Bassett) reports, “The use of GLP-1 receptor agonists was linked to improved remission rates in patients with ulcerative colitis, a retrospective cohort study suggested.” Investigators found that “among 300 patients with ulcerative colitis, use of liraglutide (Victoza, Saxenda) or semaglutide (Ozempic, Wegovy) for metabolic indications was associated with higher remission rates compared with no use at 4 weeks (34.7% vs 15.3%, $P=0.001$), 8 weeks (54.7% vs 18%, $P<0.001$), and 12 weeks (66.7% vs 25.3%, $P<0.001$).” The data indicated, “after adjusting for age, sex, baseline partial Mayo score, obesity, diabetes status, and category of concomitant biologic therapy, the use of GLP-1 drugs was strongly and independently associated with symptomatic remission (adjusted OR 5.90, 95% CI 3.52-9.86, $P<0.001$).” The [findings](#) were published in *Inflammatory Bowel Diseases*.



Hurley Medical Center presents: **Congestive Heart Failure Management: Routine & Advanced**

DATE: ~~Wednesday, May 20, 2026~~

NEW DATE: Wednesday, September 23, 2026

VENUE: Hampton Inn & Suites, Flint/Grand Blanc
6060 Rashelle Drive, Flint, MI 48507

AGENDA:

5:30 p.m. Registration & Buffet Dinner

6:00 p.m. **M. LUAY ALKOTOB, MD, FACC, FSCAI**
Associate Clinical Professor, MSU
Chief of Cardiology, Hurley Medical Center
Director, Cardiac Cath Lab, Hurley Medical Center

7:00 p.m. Adjourn

DISCLOSURE:

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REGISTRATION:

Register online below or scan the QR code
<https://education.hurleymc.com/cme/calendar>



There is no tuition fee for this CME activity.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Identify Congestive Heart Failure and Right Heart Failure presentation in patients.
- Integrate treatment options based on evidence based medicine.
- Implement a referral for advanced interventions, when needed.

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT:

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DESIGNATION STATEMENT:

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Data show uptick in COVID-19 test positivity rate

[CNN](#) (8/20, Christensen) reports, “Although the autumn respiratory illness season hasn’t kicked off, and flu and RSV activity remain low, there’s a growing summer wave of COVID-19.” Infection rates “aren’t especially high, and the United States isn’t recording many hospitalizations or deaths,” but CDC [data](#) “puts the test positivity rate for the week ending August 8 above 3% for the first time since March, with numbers climbing in every state.”





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GUEST ARTICLE

As I begin my year as immediate past president of the AMA, I thought life might slow down a little. It has—kind of. My next available patient appointment, which used to be six weeks out, is now closer to three. Yet I still seem to be traveling almost every week, and I am writing this on my way back from New Jersey.

In just the past several days, I have had opportunities to interact with physicians and future physicians in very different settings—from AKMG, a large IMG group, to the Sacramento Asian Pacific Public Affairs Association who hosted high school students who hope to become doctors, to a White Coat event with Memorial Healthcare System in Fort Lauderdale, to a trip to the Kennedy home in Hyannis Port to work on mental health parity with Patrick Kennedy, and then another trip to HHS for a pledge to improve behavioral health working with Robert F Kennedy junior.

It reminded me of something important: those of us in healthcare, and physicians in particular, are busy people. We are busy first and foremost caring for our patients. But healthcare also receives extraordinary attention from government, insurers, health systems, corporations, and the public. Sometimes that attention is about cost. Sometimes it is about quality. And increasingly, it is about who gets to make the decisions that determine how we practice medicine.

Large systems and corporate interests often have louder voices than individual physicians. But I believe our voices carry something they cannot replicate: the credibility that comes from actually caring for patients.

I know the frustration that many feel when we have to engage with leaders like Secretary Kennedy. I too feel it on some issues, but at the same time, I experience the value of collaboration. We communicate often about the inefficiency of our system despite the efficiency of our work as physicians.

I have watched many C-suites and healthcare leadership teams come and go in our local institutions. Physicians, however, are still here. We continue caring for the community, often being asked to do more with less. At the same time, seemingly technical issues—such as recent threats to payment involving modifier 25—can have very real consequences for our practices and for patient access to care. Most importantly we WIN some of these battles solely because we are organized in our efforts. In fact, BCBSM backed away from tinkering with how they pay us when we do multiple things in one visit of our patients. But now, just a few months after that win, CMS is considering doing the same tinkering. We must continue to fight these efforts and this requires participation of all of us.

That is why organizations such as the Genesee County Medical Society matter.

GCMS is entering an exciting new chapter. With our new dues restructuring, membership should be an easy decision for physicians in our community. But growing membership will require all of us to participate. I encourage each of you to ask your colleagues to join.

The more physicians we represent, the stronger our voice will be when we sit across the table from organizations and policymakers whose decisions can either help us care for our patients—or make that work more difficult.

I am especially excited about engaging younger physicians. We have an obligation to advocate for them, mentor them, and bring them into organized medicine. Encourage them to join us, participate, and understand the forces shaping healthcare today.



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Sumathi Mukkamala, MD
Co-Founder, Chinmaya Vijaya
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Dear Dr. Mukkamala:

It was a genuine pleasure to meet you during my visit to Flint, and to see the children's center that so fittingly bears your name.

Your life is a testament to what it means to care for children. After two decades caring for young patients here in Michigan, you went on to build a home in India for orphaned girls who had no one, raised on wholesome food grown in your own garden. That instinct, to feed and heal children with real, nourishing food, is exactly the philosophy we are working to restore to American medicine. It is my conviction that there is no cause more important than the health of our children, especially the most vulnerable.

Your husband once said that happiness is found in giving, not taking. I can think of few lives that prove it more completely than yours. It is a privilege to have crossed paths with someone whose care for children knows no borders.

It is also a testament to the strength of your family that the words "the famous Dr. Mukkamala" can refer to so many people. Please convey my kind regards to your son Bobby for me.

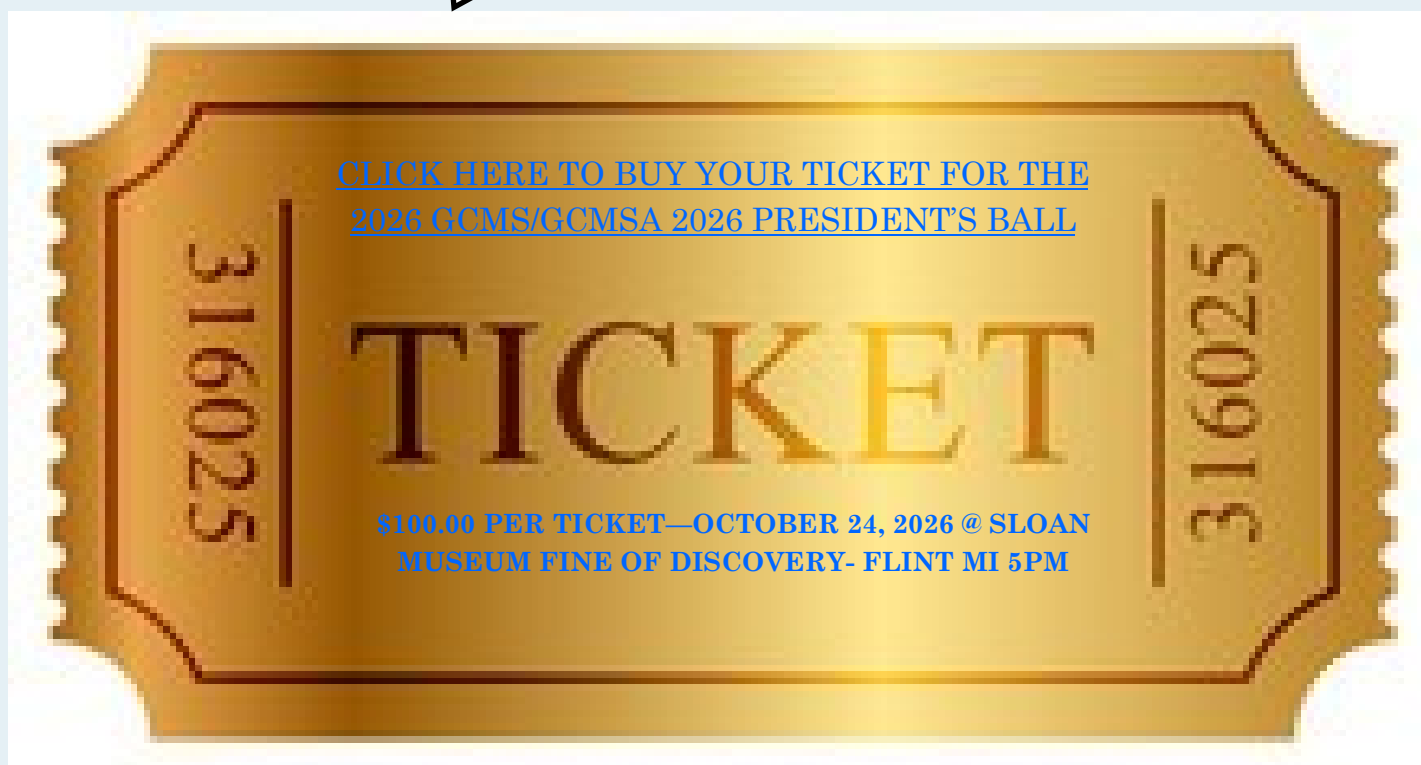
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Membership in the Genesee County Medical Society (GCMS) gives you the opportunity to share resources, discuss ideas, and network with some of the most active and respected physicians in the state. You will receive news and information via The Bulletin magazine, meetings, faxes, and emails. Because GCMS is politically aggressive, it can provide its members with myriad opportunities to shape the future of medicine locally, as well as on a state and national level.

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Osteopathic Physician (DO) Licensure Requirements

Each osteopathic physician is required to accumulate 150 hours of continuing education in activities approved by the board during the 3 years immediately preceding the application for renewal of which a minimum of 60 hours of the required 150 hours must be earned through Category 1 programs. Following are other license requirements for:

Controlled Substance Licenses:

Opioids and Other Controlled Substances Awareness Training Standards for Prescribers and Dispensers of Controlled Substances

This is a one-time training that is separate from continuing education for an individual seeking a controlled substance license or who is licensed to prescribe or dispense controlled substances.

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For Medical Licenses:

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Medical Ethics

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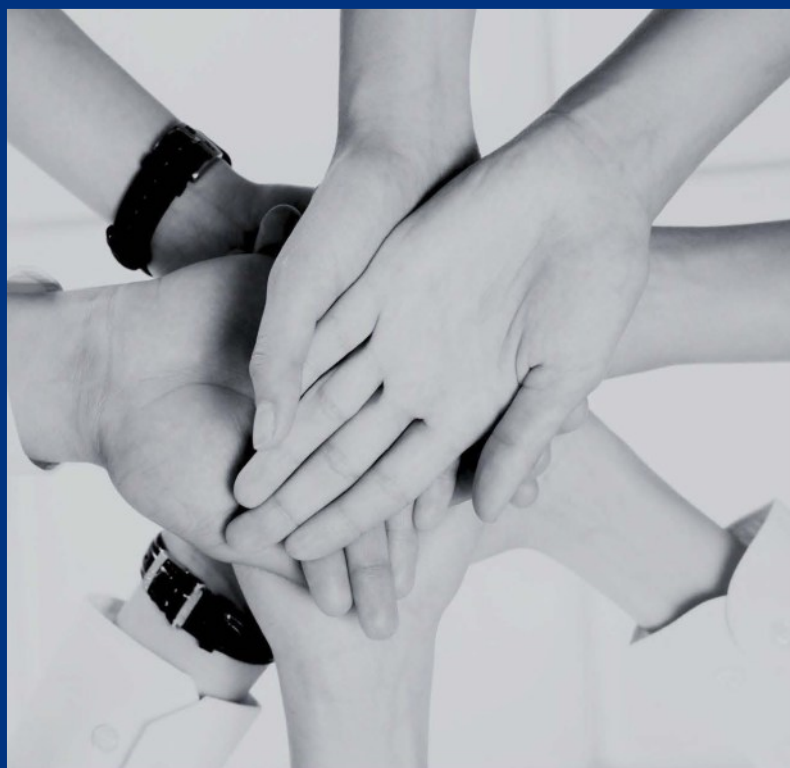
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3/4/2025

Important Update: MMR Vaccination Guidelines

We are deeply saddened by the recent death of a child in Texas due to measles, a disease that can be prevented through vaccination. This loss reminds us how important it is to protect our communities.

Texas is currently facing a measles outbreak with 146 confirmed cases as of February 28th. This situation is a stark reminder that measles is still a serious threat, even though it was thought to be eliminated in the U.S. in 2000.

Vaccines are our best defense against measles. The MMR vaccine, when given in two doses at the appropriate time, stops over 97% of measles infections. Our community is vulnerable, with an [81% MMR vaccination](#) rate which is significantly lower than recommended rate for community immunity. This makes it one of our most powerful tools to keep people healthy.

To help our healthcare teams respond to this situation, we are sharing an important update on vaccination guidelines. This information will help us better serve and protect our community during this challenging time.

MMR Vaccination Guidelines

Presumed Immunity and Vaccination Recommendations:

- Adults born before 1957 are generally presumed to have immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella.
- Healthcare workers should receive 2 doses of MMR vaccine.
- Certain medical conditions may require 2 doses of MMR as per CDC guidelines.
- The minimum spacing is 28 days.

Special Considerations:

- Adults vaccinated in the 1960s with an inactivated or unknown type of measles vaccine should receive at least one dose of MMR.

Current Childhood Immunization Schedule:

- One dose of the MMR vaccine is 93% protective against measles.
- There is currently no need to deviate from the current recommended childhood immunization schedule.
- Children can wait until age 4 for the second dose, especially given no evidence of transmission in our community.
- One dose will also help protect against severe disease if infected.

Early Vaccination for Infants:

- There is no need to start vaccination earlier than age 1 given the current state of the outbreak. We will notify you immediately if this recommendation changes.



- CDC recommends that infants >6 months and <12 years who are **traveling internationally** should receive a dose of MMR vaccine prior to travel.
- Given the current outbreak, we recommend this dose for infants **traveling** with their parents to **West Texas**.
- Any dose given before 12 months does **NOT** count toward the MMR series (0 dose).
- Children will still need two doses following the normal childhood immunizations schedule.

Contraindications:

MMR and other live vaccines should NOT be given to individuals with:

- Pregnancy
- HIV infection with CD4 count <15% or <200m
- Severe immunodeficiency (consult with healthcare provider)
- Certain immunosuppressant medications, including:
 - High-dose steroids (≥2 weeks of daily 20 mg or 2 mg/kg body weight of prednisone or equivalent)
 - Specific biologics (e.g., Humira)
 - Chemotherapy
- Recent receipt of antibody-containing blood products (within past 11 months)

Additional Resources:

- [Measles, Mumps, and Rubella \(MMR\) Vaccination | CDC](#)
- [Measles Preparedness Toolkit](#)

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates as necessary. For comprehensive information on contraindications and precautions, please consult our [immunizations team](#) or refer to official [CDC guidelines](#).

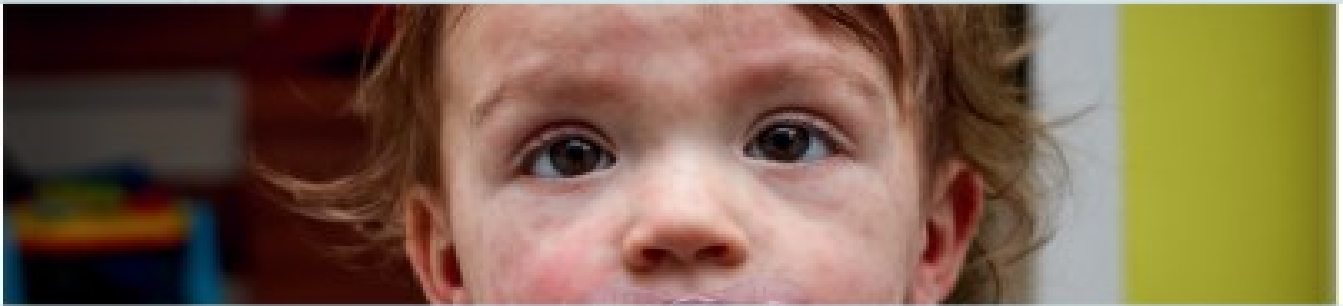
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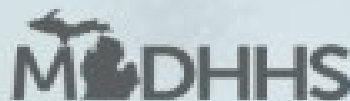
Michela Corsi, MD, MPH, MA
Medical Director, Genesee County Health Department

[Click here for full guide](#)

Measles Preparedness Toolkit



Health Care Providers Guide to In-Office Testing and Prevention



GENESEE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DISCONTINUATION-Measles-IgM Testing



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Laboratory System Partner,

Effective immediately, the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories (BOL) will no longer offer measles IgM testing due to a manufacturer kit recall. Specimens submitted for measles IgM testing will be forwarded to partner laboratories for testing.

Measles RT-PCR and measles IgG testing are not impacted and remain available at the BOL.

For questions regarding this change, please contact:

Virology Section Manager, Dr. Katie Margulieux, MargulieuxK@michigan.gov 517-335-8099, or

Viral Serology Unit Manager, Kristine Smith, SmithK8@michigan.gov 517-335-8100.

Laboratory System Partner,

Starting April 14, 2026, the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories is offering measles IgM testing on serum samples. Please request prior approval through the MDHHS Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention at 517-335-8165. To order measles testing, refer to test requisition form [MDHHS-6084](#).

Ship specimens either cold (2-8°C) or frozen (<-20°C), packed in a Styrofoam container with frozen cold packs. If sample processing is delayed >48 hours, specimens must be frozen and shipped on dry ice to remain frozen during transport.

Shipping supplies for specimens sent to the BOL for testing may be ordered through the [Laboratory Kit Order Tracking System \(LKOTS\)](#). Select Kit 8A for serum shipping supplies and Kit 45 for Viral PCR testing. Serum samples may be packaged along with NP/OP swabs in VTM for PCR testing. Individual items (e.g. Styrofoam coolers, cold packs, collection tubes, etc.) may be ordered as needed by contacting mdhhslab@michigan.gov.

For serum submission instructions refer to [DCH-0812](#).

For NP/OP swabs in VTM submission instructions refer to [DCH-0772](#).

For additional questions, please contact the Virology Section Manager, Dr. Katie Margulieux at margulieuxk@michigan.gov or 517-335-8099



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 - ♦ GCMS staff helped Genesee County residents with contacts, resources and explanations.
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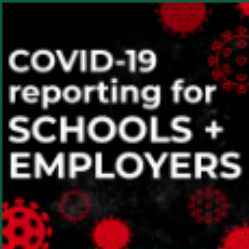


For Daily Genesee County Covid-19 Numbers

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Data Dashboard for Genesee County](#)



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For State of Michigan Covid-19 Information

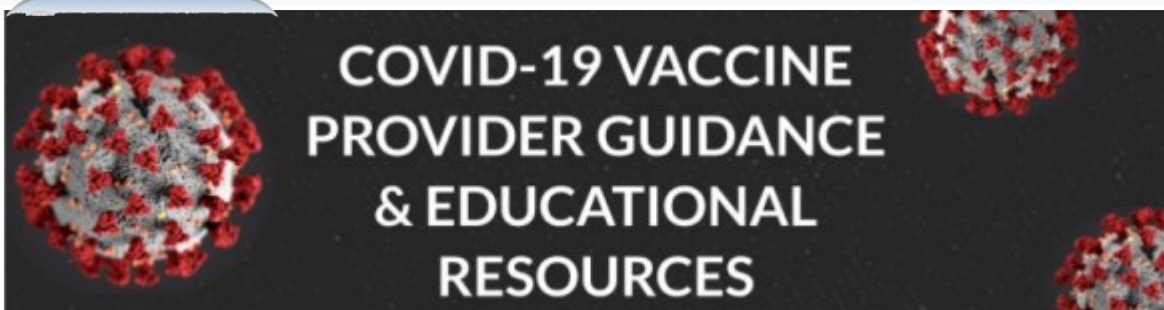




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COVID-19 VACCINE

The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates how diseases without vaccines can devastate economic and public health. Vaccines have reduced and, in some cases, eliminated many diseases. In the U.S., there is currently no approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19. MDHHS is working with the CDC and Michigan stakeholders to prepare and plan for when the vaccine is available. The initial draft of our state's plan is now available and will be updated often in the coming months. Visit regularly for the most recent information on the COVID-19 vaccine and Michigan's preparations.

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To continue its good work, the Medical Society Foundation is asking you to consider leaving a legacy gift to the Foundation. If all, or even a significant portion of our membership left just a small part of our estates to the Foundation, the Foundation could continue helping this community in so many ways, by supporting the Medical Society.

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Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act/Medication Access and Training Expansion Act and Corresponding State Modifications

June 21, 2023

To all controlled substance licensees:

Most practitioners are now aware that Congress has passed the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act that removed the federal "DATA 2000" or "DATA-Waiver Program," and the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act that established a one-time training on substance use disorder for practitioners who prescribe controlled substances when they obtain or renew their Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration. In light of these changes, which are intended to educate practitioners and reduce barriers to obtaining medications for opioid use disorder (OUD) by eliminating burdens on providers who currently prescribe medications and new providers who wish to treat patients with OUD, the Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) would like to convey the following corresponding changes at the state level:

- The new DEA one-time 8-hour training requirement is effective June 27, 2023. Effective on this date, or the date on which the DEA requires the 8-hour training in the event the effective date is delayed, and until further notice, a practitioner required to attend a one-time opioid and controlled substances awareness training by the state's Controlled Substances Rules, may use the 8 hours of training that is accepted by the DEA for their controlled substances registration to also meet the state's required one-time training on opioids and other controlled substances awareness.
- In addition, R 338.3163 that limits prescribing, dispensing and administering a controlled substance to an individual with a substance use disorder will not be enforced by BPL until the rule is either modified or rescinded. This rule limited the circumstances under which a practitioner could treat an individual with substance use disorder, as well as the number of individuals that could be treated. All other laws and rules, both federal and state, must still be followed.

For more information about the elimination of the DATA-Waiver Program, and DEA's 8-hour substance disorder training, please refer to the following websites:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/medications-substance-use-disorders/removal-data-waiver-requirement>

https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/MATE_training.html

! [MATE Training Letter Final.pdf \(usdoj.gov\)](#)

Questions may be sent to : BPLHelp@michigan.gov.

Thank you,

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