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## ***End of Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration May 11, 2023***

**JACKSON COUNTY, MI** – May 11<sup>th</sup> marks the end of the Federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) Declaration. The decision to end the PHE declaration was made following a thorough review of the current COVID-19 situation in the US, including the availability of vaccines, testing, and treatments.

With the end of the PHE declaration, some temporary regulatory changes and flexibilities that were implemented during the pandemic will be adjusted or discontinued. During this time of change, public health agencies, including the CDC, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and the Jackson County Health Department will continue to provide updated guidance and resources to help individuals and communities stay healthy and safe.

Some services that are ending include:

- Federal reporting requirements for negative COVID-19 laboratory tests
- V-safe Vaccine text messages for individuals that opted into the service after receiving their COVID-19 vaccines
- Mandated insurance coverage for COVID-19 testing
- Federally expanded Medicaid eligibility

Importantly, CDC recommendations for individuals still includes isolating from others when you are sick and monitoring for signs of illness if you had a known exposure. COVID-19 is a communicable disease that will continue to be monitored and investigated across the US, and mitigation measures are still required to ensure employers and schools keep employees and community members safe. Hospital case data, death rates, and wastewater monitoring data will continue to be collected in order to monitor the effectiveness of ongoing prevention and control strategies. CDC guidance for individuals sick with COVID-19 are found on the [CDC Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19 webpage](#).

Individuals who experience COVID-19 symptoms should continue to take precautions and seek medical care and treatment as appropriate. Although the PHE has ended, the CDC emphasizes that COVID-19 remains a significant public health concern and urges everyone to continue following the recommended prevention measures, including vaccination, mask-wearing, and social distancing.

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