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MI Symptoms Web Application

In an effort to help reopening businesses safely reengage in the economy, the [MI Symptoms Web Application](#) is a cost-free way for employers to comply with [Executive Order 2020-97](#) and implement a COVID-19 symptoms screening questionnaire for employees.

Designed primarily for employers and employees, the online tool is also available to all Michigan residents. Users enter information daily to help identify symptoms that might be caused by the virus and to make decisions about when to seek appropriate medical care. Local and state public health will also use the collective data to help identify the potential for new outbreaks of the disease.

Some employers may ask or require employees to use MI Symptoms as they return to work to help identify potential cases of COVID-19 before it can spread. Employees will have an objective tool to inform their employer that they should not be coming to work without having to share symptom-specific information.

If you choose to participate, employers can [create a profile](#). After creation, a code will be generated that can be shared with employees to use on their profiles.

MI Symptoms and [MI Safe Start Map](#) support the state's "Contain COVID" efforts by linking symptomatic individuals to resources and providing data to plan and evaluate the impact of target, testing and protection efforts as necessary to begin to safely reengage the economy.

Additional benefits of MI Symptoms include:

- Promotes individual health and safety by identifying potential symptoms of the virus and linking symptomatic individuals with resources for further action.
- Helps residents return to work safely.
- Improves the state's economic health as the MI Safe Start Plan is implemented.

[READ FULL ORDER HERE](#)

MIOSHA Launches New Site for COVID-19 Workplace Safety

The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) within the Dept. of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) launched a new online COVID-19 Workplace Safety site – [Michigan.gov/COVIDWorkplaceSafety](#) – the site provides guidance and a toolkit of resources to keep workplaces safe as sectors of the state's economy reopen.

With the continued risk of COVID-19 spread, everyone in the workplace must take necessary precautions. The site includes MIOSHA issued guidelines, posters for employees and customers, factsheets, educational videos and a [reopening checklist](#) – all of which will help businesses safely reopening their doors.

"As we reengage our economy and begin the long road back to our normal routines, it's critical that we do so safely," LEO Director Jeff Donofrio said. "[Michigan.gov/COVIDWorkplaceSafety](#) is designed to make the process of reopening safely easier and equip businesses and their staff with the resources necessary to protect themselves from the spread of COVID-19."

In addition to the general workplace guidelines for [employer](#) and [employees](#), MIOSHA provided

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- [Construction](#)
- [Manufacturing](#)
- [Offices](#)
- [Research laboratories](#)
- [Restaurants and bars](#)
- [Retail](#)
- [Outpatient healthcare](#)

The site also provides guidance on how employers [create and make available to employees and customers, a written exposure control plan](#) which includes exposure determination and outlines measures that will be taken to prevent employee exposure to COVID-19, including as appropriate:

- Engineering controls
- Administrative controls
- Hand hygiene and environmental surface disinfection
- Personal protective equipment
- Health surveillance
- Training
- Incorporating the latest guidance for COVID-19 from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Governor's Executive Orders

"Our first priority is to protect workers from the spread of COVID-19," MIOSHA Director Bart Pickelman said. "Employers, employees, and customers who follow these guidelines will help ensure that everyone returns home safe at the end of the day."

[Best practices that employees should follow](#) to be vigilant in protecting themselves from exposure to COVID-19:

- Wash hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water,
- Limit contact with others by remaining six feet apart,
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and tools routinely,
- Stay home if you or someone in your household is sick,
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, and
- Practice self-screenings to check for any abnormal/new symptoms.

Those with questions regarding workplace safety and health may contact MIOSHA using the new hotline at **855-SAFEC19 (855-723-3219)**.

To report health and safety concerns in the workplace, go to michigan.gov/MIOSHAComplaint.

Learn more about MIOSHA and their efforts to protect Michigan's workforce at [Michigan.gov/MIOSHA](https://michigan.gov/MIOSHA) and routinely check the COVID-19 Workplace Safety Guidance toolkit for the latest materials at [Michigan.gov/COVIDWorkplaceSafety](https://michigan.gov/COVIDWorkplaceSafety).

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/Coronavirus).

Statewide Permit Update -Director Hawks agrees that the Commission has the authority to prescribe the permit forms

In this response, LARA Director, Orlene Hawks, agreed that the Construction Code Commission (Commission) has the authority to prescribe the forms on which all permits are issued, but declined to issue a declaratory ruling ordering the Commission to do so. This denial is on the basis that the Director and the Commission operate quasi-independently of each other and the Director does not have the authority to tell Commission what to do..

MIACCA has shared this information with the Commission acting Chair, Ken Misiewicz, and we will work with him to determine how to get this back on their agenda in the near future. MIACCA is also looking to ask the Bureau of Construction Codes to follow the MCL 125.1510(1)

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Governor Whitmer lifts "Safer At Home" order

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is partially lifting Michigan's stay-at-home order by loosening restrictions on the operations of businesses and workplaces, while allowing larger outdoor gatherings and outside sporting events with certain restrictions.

Whitmer's decision allows dine-in service in restaurants and bars by June 8 with restrictions to keep tables at least six feet apart and keep the maximum capacity at 50%. Businesses would be allowed to serve customers inside their shops without an appointment starting Thursday.

Whitmer's latest executive order announced during a Monday press briefing also would allow for the opening of swimming pools and day camps for children, even as authorities in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties last Thursday declared all licensed private and public swimming pools closed for the summer. Public swimming pools must operate at 50% capacity.

Outdoor crowds of up to 100 individuals are allowed immediately, which opens the way for graduation parties, funerals and outside weddings. Under the revised order, Whitmer would allow employees to work from the office if their work couldn't be done remotely.

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State of Michigan COVID-19 Updates and Resources

During these risky and uncertain times, please keep yourself informed by using this resource and visiting: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus> The State of Michigan is updating this page constantly to keep Michigan Residents informed.

June is National Safety Month – Staying Safe on the Construction Site

June is recognized as National Safety Month. [National Safety Month](#) is sponsored annually by the [National Safety Council](#). The goal for this month is to help reduce the leading causes of [injury](#) and death at work and in our communities. It is important to use this month to spread awareness about jobsite hazards and how to make the workplace safer.

Total Safety Consulting encourages you to stay safe on the construction site this month by enlisting the help of our [safety consulting services](#). We offer a variety of services to help keep you and your employees safe on the jobsite.

Site Safety Plans

TSC can provide comprehensive and detailed [safety plans](#) that meet the requirements set by Chapter 33 of the [New York City Building Code](#). Some features of our plans include:

- Locations of surrounding buildings
- Locations of sidewalk sheds, construction fences, temporary walkways, and guardrails
- Required safety netting and scaffolding
- Means of egress
- Proper signage, fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and disposal methods
- Consulting building code, government regulations, and emergency response agencies for health, safety, and environmental regulation compliance

When safety plans developed by TSC are approved, we can provide the personnel necessary to implement the plans.

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Message from President *Phil Forner*

Since the reopening of the construction industry on May 7th, I hope your businesses are getting caught up and finding out how to accommodate working in this "new normal".

This month is National Safety Month for the construction industry, and we now know that safety is encompassing more than staying safe on the job, but keeping our employees and customers safe. We need to proceed with caution now and in the future.

MIACCA continues to provide you with up to date information and resources that we feel are fitting to our industry.

Please continue to utilize these COVID-19 resources from our industry experts:

ACCA resources [here](#)

Federated Insurance [here](#)

NATE resources [here](#)

ASHRAE resources [here](#)

As always stay safe and keep up the great work!



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How to Participate in Solar Without Disrupting Your Business

The solar industry is growing at a rapid rate. And adding solar to your HVAC business creates additional revenue that helps customers save money (and keep coming back to you).

On June 11th, Steve Walden of Complete Solar joins Service Nation 101 to share how to participate in solar without disrupting your business!

This webinar discusses:

- The value proposition for your homeowners when they choose Solar energy
- Market size and growth of residential Solar
- How to adapt to these changing and challenging times
- Staying relevant with your existing customers

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Webinar: Post-Pandemic Return to Work Considerations for Employers

This webinar will focus on key issues and challenges faced by businesses and their leaders as they reopen and adapt to fast-evolving pandemic-related conditions. It will highlight specific challenges such as work safety and hygiene for workers returning from layoffs and furloughs, and it will provide simple tips you can use today when considering what traditional onboarding tools should be deployed when ramping back up—such as DMV and background reports. It will discuss the most frequent questions we have received from employers and will have an expanded question and answer period at the end. Webinar available on demand.

[Register Here](#)

How HVAC Contractors can help reduce the spread of COVID-19

HVAC companies have a part to play in preventing the spread of the new coronavirus, COVID-19. While clean HVAC systems alone are not sufficient, they can be important in controlling COVID-19. The virus is primarily transmitted through droplets when people cough or sneeze, but it can also linger on surfaces and in the

air. HVAC professionals can help reduce the potential for the virus's airborne transmission.

What Filters Can Do

Filters are useful in preventing the transmission of a number of different air contaminants. However, the size of the virus that causes COVID-19 is smaller than the HEPA filters that trap particles as small as .3 microns with more than 99% accuracy. A good filter can still help reduce the circulation of the coronavirus, but more protection is needed.

UV Disinfectants

Coronaviruses may circulate through HVAC systems, causing infection. However, various types of UV cleaning can kill mold, bacteria and viruses. UV irradiation has not been specifically tested on the virus that causes COVID-19, but it is likely that it reacts in a similar way to other viruses that are exposed to it.

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