April 2, 2020

Dr. Joneigh S. Khaldun
Michigan Chief Medical Executive
333 S Grand Ave.
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Dear Chief Medical Executive Khaldun:

On March 10, 2020 the State of Michigan identified the first cases of COVID-19. Since that date, Governor Whitmer, the Department of Health and Human Services, and Health Facilities throughout Michigan have been implementing policies and procedures to combat the spread of the virus, while ensuring that proper care can be provided to those who have contracted Covid-19.

Since the initial cases were identified, to date, there has been an alarming increase of COVID-19 cases identified reaching nearly 11,000 as of April 2, 2020. This growth of COVID-19 cases has caused a dramatic shift in resources and created a significant strain on Michigan’s healthcare providers (particularly in southeastern Michigan).

While the information on the number of cases and the mortality rate as reported by the state is valuable, the increasing concern over the shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hospital beds has raised questions regarding health facility needs. To that end, we are requesting the following information be available to better inform the public while affording the legislature the ability to assist effectively across the state through legislative, budgetary and facilitative actions.

- Bed capacity/availability numbers by hospital
- Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 by hospital
- Average length of stay for a COVID-19 patients in hospitals
- Aggregate data on the age and health conditions of patients prior to contracting COVID-19
- Number of medical ventilators by hospital
- General information related to personal protective equipment supplies by hospital

The information above will give the Michigan Legislature the ability to assist in providing resources to where they are most needed.

Respectfully,

Ben Frederick,  
Representative from the 85th District

Greg VanWoerkom,  
Representative from the 91st District

CC: Governor Gretchen Whitmer  
Robert Gordon, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.