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# PRESS RELEASE

## **Amish Community Donates Surgical Masks**

Thanks to the coordinated effort within our Amish community, Branch County received a generous donation of 805 reusable surgical masks. These were immediately distributed to nursing facilities such as The Laurels, Drew's Place, and Maple Lawn as well as to healthcare workers. "The place we call home never fails to amaze me with willingness to help others" said Tim Miner, Branch County Emergency Manager. "Giving a measure of protection to our frontline is essential, please continue to support your neighbors that are working to get us through this crisis". **If you would like to donate, please direct your donations to [donations@countyofbranch.com](mailto:donations@countyofbranch.com).** The Branch County Emergency Operations Center has been activated and will be coordinating Covid-19 response and planning in Branch County.

## **All Age Groups Affected by COVID-19**

COVID-19 affects all age groups as the graph below shows. Help those on the frontlines, medical, first responders, cashiers, drivers, warehouses workers, and many others by staying at home, staying safe. Together we will get through this.

Stay committed, stay home, stay 6 feet apart, stay safe.

## Branch County Daily COVID-19 Update for April 7th, 2020

<i>Date/Type</i>	Current Positive Cases - Michigan	Deaths - Michigan	Positive Cases - Branch County	Deaths - Branch County
3/26/2020	2,856	60	2*	0
3/27/2020	3,657	92	4*	0
3/28/2020	4,650	111	4*	0
3/29/2020	5,486	132	7*	0
3/30/2020	6,498	184	8*	0
3/31/2020	7,615	259	2 (8*)	0
4/1/2020	9,315	337	2(14*)	0
4/2/2020	10,791	417	5(17*)	0
4/3/2020	12,744	479	6(19*)	0
4/4/2020	14,225	540	10(19*)	1
4/5/2020	15,718	617	13(30*)	1
4/6/2020	17,221	727	15(31*)	1
4/7/2020	18,970	845	16(32*)	1
<i>Change 06-07</i>	1,749	118	2	0

\*Lakeland Correctional Facility

- As always, we remind Branch's residents to stay home and stay safe.



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