

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

Reps. Meerman, Leutheuser, Miller, Paquette, Wozniak, Hoitenga, Frederick, Markkanen, Yaroch, Calley, Filler, Allor, O'Malley, Eisen, Bollin, Lightner and Kahle offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution to demand that the Governor compile
2 and make publicly available certain data, to encourage medical
3 professionals to provide elective medical procedures, and to
4 encourage the people of Michigan to continue to practice safe
5 social distancing.

6 Whereas, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in
7 serious illness and death; and

8 Whereas, In Executive Order 2020-17, Governor Whitmer
9 prohibited hospitals, clinics, and medical professionals from
10 conducting elective medical procedures, including non-essential
11 preventive care, even in cases where hospitals and medical



1 professionals have the capacity to safely do so; and

2 Whereas, Governor Whitmer has not provided and made available
3 to the public, daily, county-level data on COVID-19
4 hospitalizations, hospital occupancy rates, emergency room visits,
5 or medical staffing numbers. Providing these and other data would
6 improve government transparency and accountability and would allow
7 Michigan residents to learn more about the state of the COVID-19
8 Pandemic in their area; now, therefore, be it

9 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
10 concurring), That we demand that the Governor compile and make
11 available within three days from the date of this concurrent
12 resolution, in a manner easily accessible by the public, detailed
13 data summarized by county on:

- 14 1. The daily number of available hospital beds occupied by
15 all patients since January 1, 2020, segregated by in-
16 patient beds, negative air flow beds, and intensive care
17 unit (ICU) beds, as provided by the hospitals.
- 18 2. The daily number of available hospital beds occupied by
19 confirmed COVID-19 patients since January 1, 2020,
20 segregated by in-patient beds, negative air flow beds,
21 and ICU beds, as provided by the hospitals.
- 22 3. The daily number of emergency room visits in total and
23 the daily number of emergency room visits by patients
24 testing positive for COVID-19 since January 1, 2020.
- 25 4. The daily number of confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations
26 and confirmed COVID-19 deaths that are related to
27 retirement homes or nursing homes since January 1, 2020.
- 28 5. The daily number of confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations
29 and confirmed COVID-19 deaths of individuals who have had

other pre-existing or underlying health conditions since January 1, 2020, with segregation of those health conditions and a breakdown of confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations and confirmed COVID-19 deaths by age, gender, and race.

6. The daily number of ventilators available and daily inventories of hospital personal protective equipment (PPE) since March 10, 2020.

7. The daily quantities of PPE possessed by the state government and the quantities distributed to each hospital since March 10, 2020.

8. The number of medical professionals who have been furloughed, had work hours reduced, or received a cut in pay since March 10, 2020.

9. The daily number of COVID-19 tests conducted since March 10, 2020, including positive and negative results.

; and be it further

Resolved, That we demand that all data related to emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and deaths related to COVID-19 patients be confirmed to be COVID-19 positive patients, and the date of the emergency visit, hospitalization, or death be recorded as the actual date of occurrence, not the date of any data adjustments being made subsequently; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the people of Michigan to continue to follow national guidelines for safe social distancing and take steps to protect the populations most at risk, including those residing in nursing homes and retirement homes; and be it further

Resolved, That hospitals, clinics, and medical professionals should have the freedom to provide elective procedures and



1 preventive care where it is deemed appropriate based on staffing
2 capacity, hospital capacity, and availability of PPE and as medical
3 professionals in those facilities determine the best approach to
4 implement national guidelines for safe social distancing; and be it
5 further

6 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
7 Governor.