

COVID-19 UPDATE

2.17.2021

MICHIGAN HAS ADMINISTERED

1,657,215

VACCINES TO DATE.

IT HAS BEEN 22 DAYS SINCE I  
ANNOUNCED THE MI RECOVERY  
PLAN, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE  
CRUCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR  
FAMILIES, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND  
FRONTLINE WORKERS.

THE MI COVID RECOVERY PLAN  
UNLEASHES OVER  
\$5 BILLION  
IN BIPARTISAN FEDERAL AID  
FUNDS.

- \$575 MILLION TO EXPAND COVID TESTING, TRACING, AND LAB CAPACITY IN MICHIGAN.
- \$225 MILLION TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES.
- AND SEVERAL OTHER KEY INVESTMENTS TO KEEP MICHIGAN FAMILIES AFLOAT INCLUDING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, FOOD PROGRAMS, AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE.

# FY2022 BUDGET



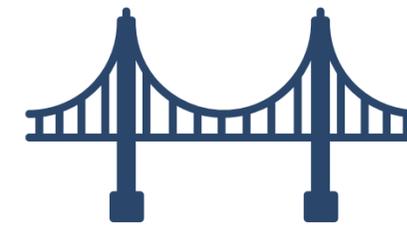
Equitably  
grow our  
economy by  
investing in  
our children  
and public  
education.



Expanding  
economic  
opportunity.



Safe guarding  
public health.



Backing  
essential  
infrastructure  
projects  
and clean  
energy  
initiatives.



Protecting  
the  
environment.

# MY FY2022 BUDGET INCLUDES...

- THE LARGEST INVESTMENT IN K-12 EDUCATION IN MICHIGAN HISTORY
- A MASSIVE EXPANSION OF FREE OR REDUCED COST CHILDCARE
- FUNDS TO FIX BRIDGES AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN CRITICAL CONDITION
- RAISES FOR FRONTLINE HEALTH CARE HEROES,
- AND MILLIONS IN WORKFORCE PROGRAMS TO STIMULATE BUSINESSES AND HELP US ACHIEVE OUR 60 BY 30 GOAL—60% OF MICHIGAN ADULTS HOLDING A POSTSECONDARY DEGREE BY 2030.

WE MUST INVEST IN MICHIGAN, IN OUR  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PUBLIC HEALTH,  
AND PUBLIC ROADS.

AND THAT'S WHY I REMAIN READY TO  
WORK WITH THE LEGISLATURE TO  
PASS BOTH THE MI COVID RECOVERY  
PLAN AND MY BUDGET.



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## **Gov. Whitmer Creates Task Force Focused on Lifting Michiganders Out of Poverty**

**DETROIT, Mich.** -- Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2019-19 to create the Michigan Poverty Task Force within the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO). The task force will be comprised of directors or the directors' designees from a number of state departments and agencies and will be charged with making recommendations to the governor on how to best coordinate and activate efforts within state government to lift Michigan families out of poverty and help them get on a path to opportunity.

According to the United Way's ALICE Report, 43 percent of Michigan households struggle to afford necessities like housing, childcare, food, technology, health care and transportation. Another 2018 study has shown that one in five Michigan children live in poverty. The Michigan Poverty Task Force will work to identify and evaluate measures such as these to gain a full understanding of both the scope of poverty's impact on Michigan families and communities, and the ways state government can best help those families and communities.

"No parent should have to choose between paying rent and putting food on the table for their families," said **Governor Whitmer**. "That's why I've charged this task force with identifying more ways we can lift families up and ensure they can build a good life for themselves here in Michigan. I plan to work very closely with this team to ensure that every parent can feed their families with healthy, nutritious food, put a roof over their heads, and keep them warm in the winter."

# THE MICHIGAN POVERTY TASK FOCE

TO PAY FOR BASIC NECESSITIES LIKE  
HOUSING, FOOD, TRANSPORTATION,  
AND HEALTH CARE, A SINGLE ADULT  
NEEDS A SALARY OF ABOUT \$21,000.  
AND A FAMILY OF FOUR NEEDS TO  
EARN \$61,000 TO KEEP UP.

THE POVERTY TASK FORCE PUT  
FORWARD 35 POLICY  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLEVIATE  
ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND LIFT  
FAMILIES OUT OF POVERTY.

TOGETHER WITH THE POVERTY TASK  
FORCE, I LOOK FORWARD TO  
TACKLING THIS HEAD ON AS WE  
CONTINUE TO BUILD BACK BETTER  
FROM THIS PANDEMIC AND ADDRESS  
SYSTEMATIC ISSUES FACED BY LOW-  
INCOME MICHIGANDERS.

TODAY WE ANNOUNCED THAT THE  
MICHIGAN SMALL BUSINESS  
SURVIVAL GRANT PROGRAM  
AWARDED \$52.5 MILLION FOR  
BUSINESS ACROSS THE STATE.

WE ARE SO CLOSE AND THERE  
IS REASON FOR HOPE.

ONCE WE PASS THE MI COVID RECOVERY  
PLAN AND NEGOTIATE A COMPREHENSIVE  
BUDGET, WE CAN TURBOCHARGE OUR  
VACCINATION EFFORTS AND COME OUT  
OF THE PANDEMIC AND ECONOMIC  
DOWNTURN STRONGER THAN EVER  
BEFORE.

- ✓ MASK UP.
- ✓ MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING.
- ✓ WASH YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY.
- ✓ AND MAKE A PLAN FOR GETTING YOUR VACCINE WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN.

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