

**“Service Above Self”**

# Muskegon Rotary in Motion

<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>

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**Muskegon Rotary Club**  
 Club 16 (2809) – District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916  
**Next Meeting April 8 12:00-1:00pm**  
**From Your Laptop, Phone, or Tablet**  
**ReWine Sat Club – Next mtg 4/15 5:15 pm**

**Mary Anne Gorman, Director**  
**Jeff Lewis, Director**  
**Ginny Sprague, Director**  
**JD Wallace, Sr, Director**  
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**THE FOUR WAY TEST THAT ROTARIANS USE IN MAKING ETHICAL DECISIONS:**

Is it the **truth**? Is it **fair** to all concerned? Will it build **goodwill** and better **friendships**? Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?

**Next Meeting (4/8/21)—Muskegon Young Black Professionals**

This is it: the absolute edge of no return: to turn back now and make home or sail irrevocably on and either find land or plunge over the world's roaring rim" - William Faulkner

## MEETER - GREETER

Joanie Smith

## REFLECTORS

Jim Schiltz 4/1

## THIS WEEK'S MENU

## NEXT WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Jamie Hekker	Apr 08
J Griffith	Apr 10
Eric Seifert	Apr 11
Erin Kuhn	Apr 13

## PROGRAMS / EVENTS

4/1 Muskegon Rotary's DEI Committee: Past, Present, & Future  
 4/1 **ReWine via Zoom 5:15 PM**  
 4/8 Muskegon Young Black Professionals  
 4/15 Overcoming Barriers  
 4/15 **ReWine via Zoom 5:15 PM**  
 ReWine Zoom Meeting Link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88142687497>

ROTARY REWINE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Basic Rotary Chili Kit Facts:**

- Chaired by **Kaytie Drake** and organized by ReWine, 4 Interact Clubs, and supported by over 20 Rotarians and friends
- Each kit: 1lb ground beef frozen, onions, chili powder, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, kidney beans, black beans. (for family of 4)
- Total Kits 150 plus extra donations of ground beef and tomatoes to 5 area pantries

- Amounts: Over 1 ton of food distributed by Interact and Rotary
- Supplier: Meijer, Inc. providing wholesale prices to Rotary, Thank you!
- Donations: Approx \$1600+ total, from NM, RP, MS, and Oakridge Rotary Interact clubs, plus many generous Rotarians and friends
- Pantries: Mission for Area People, Love Inc., Muskegon Rescue Mission, Fellowship Reformed Church, Salvation Army
- Project funds not spent on food directly plus additional ReWine funding will be distributed equally to all five pantries at \$100 each

[Click here for the wonderful slide show!](#)

If you missed the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, want to watch it again, or share with someone who may be interested in learning more about our Rotary club, you can view the video [here](#).

## Invoices Sent Today

Muskegon Rotary Secretary, **Kathy Betts**, emailed the invoices April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## No Grape Escape?!

The Grape Escape desperately needs committee members for this year's event. Five people resigned their posts from the last event and it will not be possible to do it without more volunteers. Please contact **Jerry Wiersma** at [jerry.wmpcs@comcast.net](mailto:jerry.wmpcs@comcast.net) if you are able to step in this year.



## Muskegon Rotary Board

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## Invocation/Reflection

**Alan Alpert** is looking for more volunteers to sign up for Invocation/Reflection leaders. Please contact Alan at [fivea@me.com](mailto:fivea@me.com) or 231-286-8410 to sign up.

## Membership Council

The Membership Council met Thursday morning and are looking for more committee volunteers: recruitment, new member, retention and engagement. If you are a new member looking for a place to serve in the club, please consider those membership council committees. Contact **Doug Wood** at [dwood1952@gmail.com](mailto:dwood1952@gmail.com).

## 2021 March Madness Brave Rotarian Contest Final Four!

Congratulations to our final four: **Jane Clingman-Scott** (Houston), **Jenny McNeill** (Gonzaga), **Christine Robere** (Baylor), and **Joanie Smith** (UCLA)!



## Food Trucks

**Arn Boezaart** announced the next food truck will be in the Whitehall/Montague area next **Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>** beginning at 10 am. Volunteers will need to arrive around 9-9:15 am. This time we will be sharing the task with the Whitehall Rotary Club. Muskegon Rotary can use five volunteers to match Whitehall's five. Currently we have only three.

This food distribution will take place at the White Lake Congregational United Church in Christ at 1809 Mears Ave.

The Muskegon Heights truck, again at the Temple Methodist Church location, will take place on **Wednesday, May 26**. More details on that date and the remaining schedule for 2021 later.

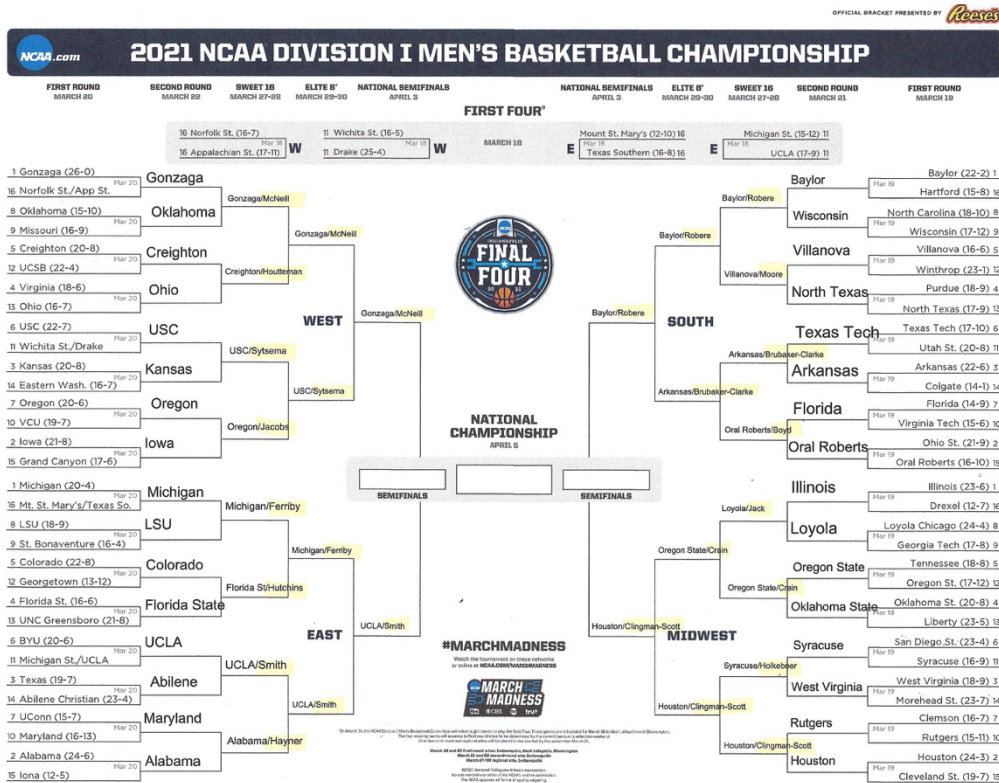
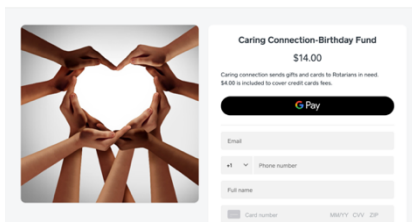
Thanks so much!  
**Arn Boezaart**  
 616-745-8465

## Caring Connection Fund

The Caring Connection Fund is still up and running and still needs our support. The donations are usually collected (\$10 or more) for your birthday; which would go into the fund to send out letters, cards, flowers, etc. You may send checks to the PO Box or donate by credit card if you have had a birthday and need to contribute to the Caring Connection Fund.

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/8MRGEY1EA6K0/checkout/BVIZQK6QS5FBBVY4CGLMQUYQ>

Muskegon Rotary Foundation

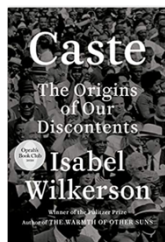




## Book Discussions on Racial Equality are Back!

10 Rotarians needed for ongoing book discussions on racial equality. The DEI Book Discussion Subcommittee invites you to be part of these discussions and has two [2] excellent book selections for you to choose from:

1. *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson (a NYT bestseller) which is an eye-opening story of people and history and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of American life today. It combines history, research and story-telling, written in an easy to read, conversational style.



2. *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a world made for whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown (a Michigan author and NYT bestseller). Austin writes candidly about the existence of systemic racism that she has witnessed all her life. She will make you laugh and cry as she offers insightful commentary and helpful suggestions on changing the balance of power.



Note: Both of these authors have multiple interviews on You Tube or you can Google their names and find reviews.

Beginning Monday, 3/22, 10 copies of each book will be available to borrow at the Community Foundation Office. Please email Nancy ([mccarthynance@yahoo.com](mailto:mccarthynance@yahoo.com)) your interest and which book you would like set aside for you. You will also need to call the Foundation to let them know when you will pick the book up, as the office is not yet fully open.

We will hold discussions via Zoom beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> full week in April for 3 weeks in succession. *Caste* discussions will take place on Tuesdays at noon on April 13, 20, and 27. *I'm Still Here* discussions will take place on Wednesdays at noon on April 14, 21, and 28. We look forward to some spirited conversation and discussion! Call or email **Nancy McCarthy** with questions. 231-740-4631 or [mccarthynance@yahoo.com](mailto:mccarthynance@yahoo.com)

## Embark Rides

Embark Rides are occurring on Wednesday afternoons at two different elementary schools locally. If you are interested in chaperoning a ride along with the kids, please contact -**Rob Taylor**. [taylorrj@ameritech.org](mailto:taylorrj@ameritech.org) or 810-355-8361



## WEEKLY COVID REPORT

Thank you again to **Kathy Moore**!

This week the total number of active cases is up to 773 (up from 472 last week and from 357 the week before). We currently have a 12% positivity rate. Our highest to date was 24.9% in November, and we were as low as 1.6% in February.

COVID-related deaths were five in February with all of them occurring the first week of February (one of those cases took a while to get the data back to us because of the death occurring out of our county). Now after almost six weeks with no deaths in March we have had one in a nursing home.

Vaccination statistics are looking great for Muskegon County! 16 years old and older are now eligible for the vaccine due to the increased amount of vaccines available than initially anticipated. Those age 16 and 17 can only be administered the Pfizer vaccine at this time.

Public Health: [www.Muskegonhealth.net](http://www.Muskegonhealth.net)

Mask Up Muskegon: <https://www.maskupmuskegon.org/vaccineinfo>

**NOTE: Please look for Kathy's graphs on the last page of this RIM.**

**Christine Robere** currently reports no positive cases of homeless individuals in isolation but will be cautious and ready if needed. The greatest unmet need is affordable housing and they have not seen changes due to the eviction ban (no

turn over). They continue to support and house with costs, bed protectors, etc. for some of the hotels, missions, agencies, etc. helping out. Donated vehicles and repair services are needed. If you have extra volunteer time, please sign up on the United Way website or contact anyone at United Way.

## Cleaning Beaches on April 24<sup>th</sup>!

Mark your calendars and join fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors to clean up our beaches on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Pioneer Park.

- April 24, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- Muskegon County [Pioneer Park](#) plus two other beaches nearby
- Lunch and S'mores over a campfire starting at 11:30 am
- Available tours of Pioneer Lodge - rare vertical log building, and former mess hall from the CCC/WPA era



Please sign up to volunteer for this event using [THIS DOCUMENT](#). There are two tabs in this worksheet. One for those volunteering to do clean up on that day and one for those who would like to donate food or work to help set up and serve food after the clean up.

We look forward to filling up some dumpsters and making our beaches shine and Pioneer Park sparkle!

Feel free to share this document with others to encourage them to sign up for this event. Any questions please let me know.

**Randy Lindquist**  
(231) 903-9073 cell or email [rlindqui@muskegonisd.org](mailto:rlindqui@muskegonisd.org)

## SAVE THE DATE



## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

#### Muskegon Rotary's DEI Committee: Past, Present, and Future

*A review of the history and current impact of Rotary Muskegon's DEI Committee.*

Speakers: **Brianna Scott, Jeff Lewis, Michael Poulin, Heidi Systema, Nancy McCarthy, Jim Schiltz, and Doug Wood**

RIM Reporter: **Jackie Farrar**

**Inclusion** – Rotary is working to create experiences where all people feel welcomed and valued.

**Diversity** – Rotary welcomes people of all backgrounds, cultures experiences, and identities.

**Equity** – Rotary strives for the fair treatment, opportunity, and advancement of all Rotary participants.



#### DIVERSITY

Rotary welcomes people of all backgrounds, cultures, experiences, and identities.

**Why we started** - In 2013 the Diversity Equity and Inclusion committee was formed. Muskegon County residents where segregating themselves to parts of the community that they felt comfortable in. Some people continued to project their opinion based on what they heard but not what they had experienced. Rotary wanted to challenge people to do things differently. They wanted to get all people into a community and this is how the Community Mixer was formed. This event started with 200 people in attendance and has grown to over 900 at the last event.

#### Enhancing Police And Community Trust

**Setting Examples** – Enhancing police and community trust is crucial. We need all parties to get together in one room to have discussions. Last summer, the sheriff met with protesters and took time to listen and talk with them. He let them know that he is here to support them. We need to continue to build relationships in the community and not to wait for something to happen. The peaceful protest is a direct result of

the relationship between the police and the community members.

**Planning to Grow** – We are bringing speakers into the community, reviewing not just ethnicity and race but looking at faith and culture, reviewing policy and practices of this club, looking at how we can ensure our membership reflects our community, and that everyone needs to feel equal, comfortable, and represented in our club.



#### EQUITY

Rotary strives for the fair treatment, opportunity, and advancement of all Rotary participants.

**Looking Deeper** – Dr. Joy DeGruy came to Muskegon and presented to a full house of community members. The Community Foundation gave a small grant to Rotary to purchase 60 books from Dr. Joy DeGruy and a few members from Rotary facilitated the small group book discussions. Rotary continues to have a book club and they meet regularly to discuss the book they are currently reading. The Library also has all the books that have been read by the book club, you can check them out at your local Library.



#### Rotary members reporting:

why we started



setting examples



planning to grow



looking deeper



reaching out



love lives here



leadership







Rotary is working to create experiences where all people feel welcomed, respected, and valued.

**Reaching Out** – The community Mixer started in 2016 at Rowan Park and has continued annually (except in 2020 due to COVID). This event is an opportunity for people to get together to eat and talk. Some community agencies have tables with information for anyone who wants to learn more about who they are, and all communities are invited to attend. In 2019 attendance was over 900 and the expectation is it will continue to grow over the years.

**Love Lives Here** – We want to learn more about ethnic back grounds, values, and cultures in Muskegon County. We want good will for everyone and we want our community to move

forward in love. We have yard signs, pins, and facemasks that say Love Lives Here. The message is clear Love Lives Here!



### **EXCITING AND TERRIFYING** by **Bill Johanson**

I've heard a number of folks - many quite well-read - express the thought that the only constant, anymore, is change. And since it's widely accepted that few people take kindly to change (insert, here, examples of those fabled "good ol' days"), simple surviving and thriving may one day be largely tied to new skills and practices we've learned to value, as well as our acknowledging that educational curriculums without such tenets are bereft of necessary building blocks to success. Also, into this mix, always, must be leaders with

positive attitudes and strong abilities that motivate others. Rotarians likely will have a success headstart by the time any "management club" is being organized.

What problems and heavy solutions are what we're contemplating? Many, it appears. Consider the world water situation. The attached photo - taken this week by a John Sculley and submitted to RIM by my daughter Carrie - shows Muskegon's Kruse Park's rapidly-deteriorating ramp just above the dog run. It used to be a handy walkway for us to get Gramma Ruth in her wheelchair down to the beach. No more. How high and how intently Lake Michigan will impact summer tourism and other economic factors isn't yet clear. Nor is how it gets fixed.

Well, tons more serious issues also need identifying and addressing. Fortunately, Rotary International and its members will continue to partner wherever and how ever much we're needed. That sounds exciting but also a bit terrifying, just as it's felt for the past hundred-plus years.

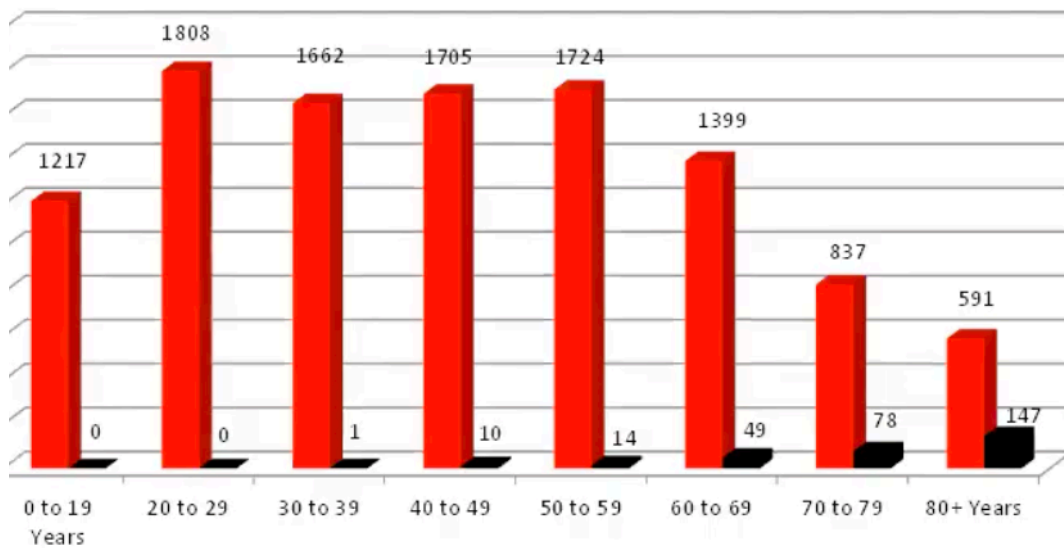


A top priority for Rotary is growing and diversifying our membership to make sure we reflect the communities we serve.

We're creating an organization that is more open and inclusive, fair to all, builds goodwill, and benefits our communities. We want people with differing perspectives and ideas who will help Rotary take action to create lasting change in communities around the world.

Through Rotary, you'll find unique opportunities to get involved. Everyone is welcome in Rotary.

## Muskegon County COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Age Group



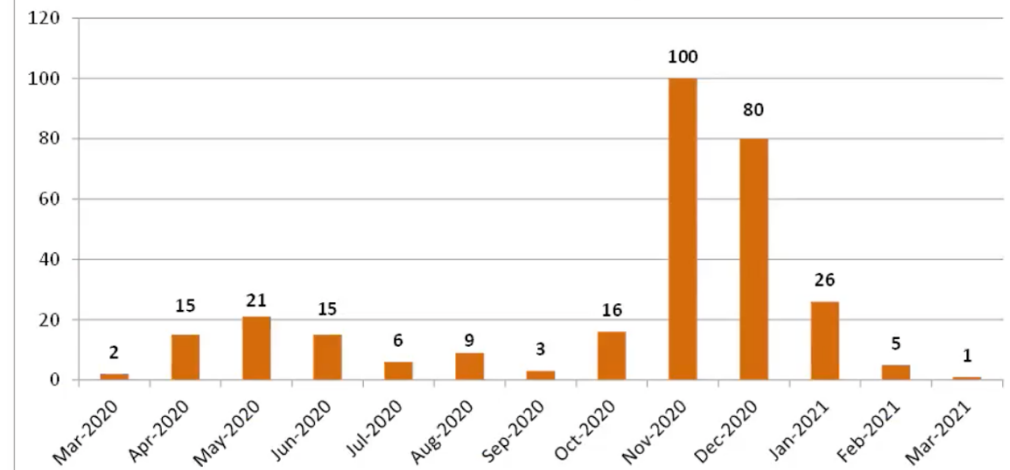
### 7 Day Average Positive Test Rate

**Lowest** 1.6 % on 2/27/21

**Highest** 24.9% on 11/18/20

**Current** 12.0% on 3/28/21

## COVID-19 Related Deaths By Month Muskegon County, Total Deaths: 299 (as of 03/30/2021)



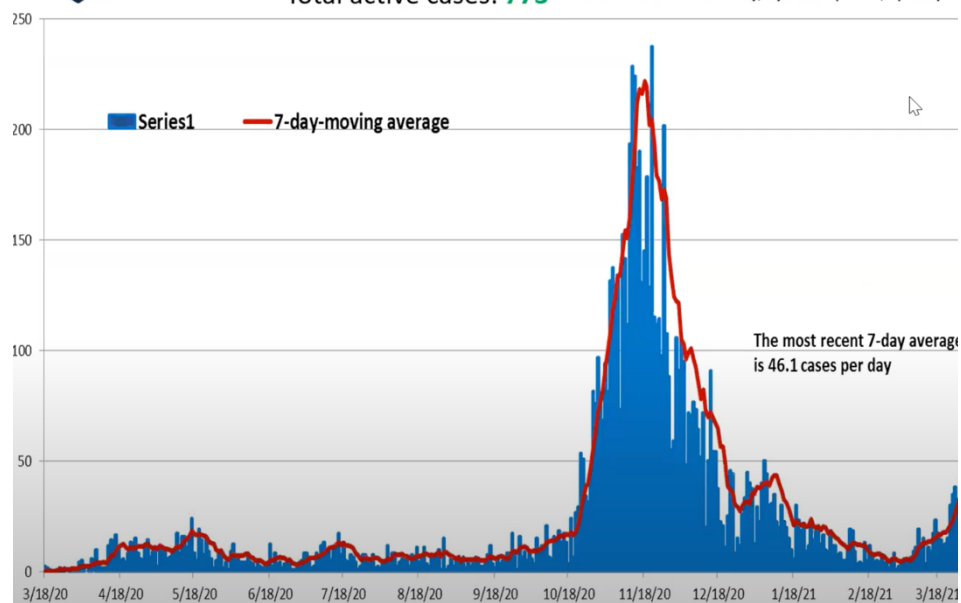
### Number of people testing positive Covid-19 in Muskegon County

Total Positive Cases: 11,043

Total active cases: **773** Number of cases each day, by date reported, up to 3/31

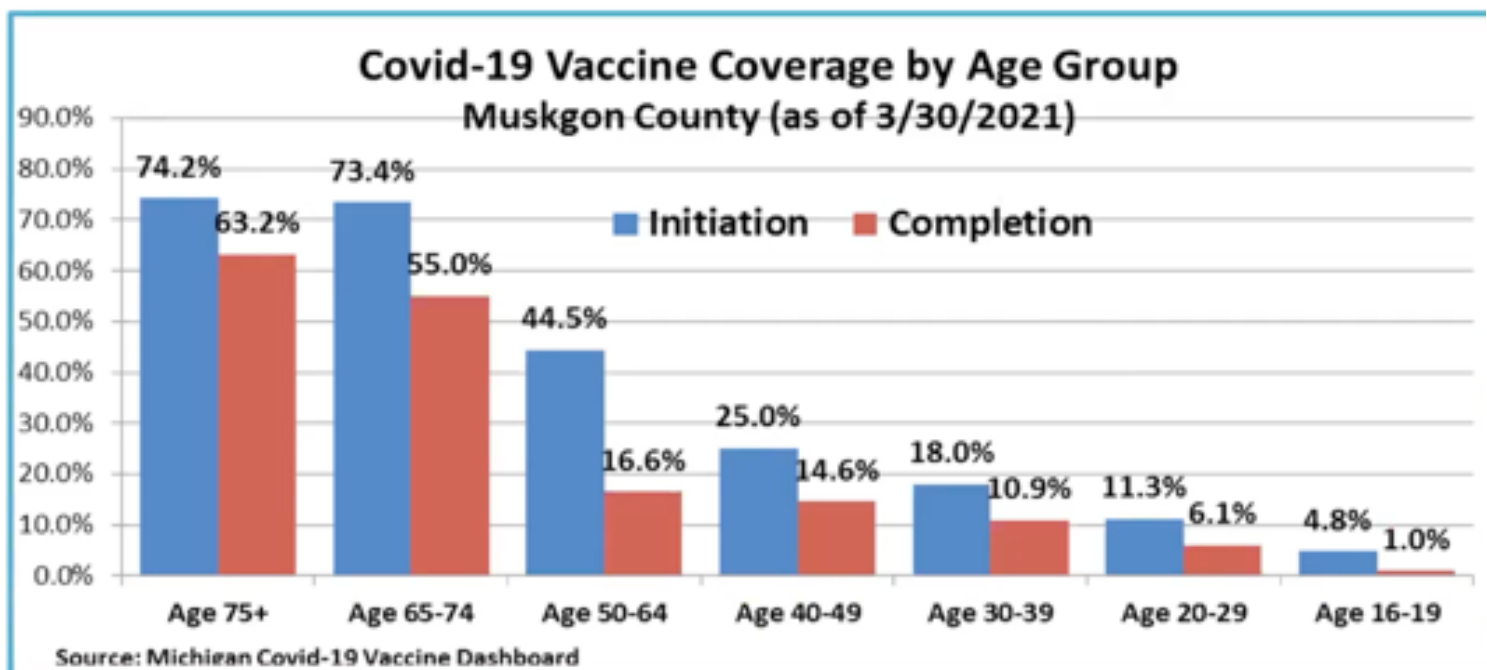


Date Time	Daily Positive Rate	7-Day Average of Positive Rate
3/22/2021 5:00	9.2%	6.8%
3/23/2021 5:00	11.4%	8.2%
3/24/2021 5:00	17.0%	9.3%
3/25/2021 5:00	11.1%	10.4%
3/26/2021 5:00	12.2%	11.6%
3/27/2021 5:00	5.5%	11.3%
3/28/2021 5:00	16.2%	12.0%



## Regional hospital COVID-19 patients and occupancy as of March 29, 2021

Health System/Hospital	COVID-19 Patients	COVID-19 Patients in ICU	Bed Occupancy %
Mercy Health - Hackley	0	0	0.0%
Mercy Health - Lakeshore	0	0	30.0%
Mercy Health - Sherman	17	3	74.0%
Mercy Health - St. Mary's	20	9	67.0%
North Ottawa Community	1	1	9.0%
Spectrum - Butterworth	33	11	77.0%



## Which Vaccine Mfg Requested

**47,514** Pfizer

**34,607** Moderna

**1,958** J & J (Janssen)

*As of 3/31/21*