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### MCA's Mission

*To strengthen and inspire Community Action Agencies to champion solutions to poverty and to promote economic opportunity.*

### Upcoming Events

## Announcements

Paycheck Protection Program funding is still available contact your local bank or the [Small Business Administration](#) to apply.

**Our Power, Our Census Day of Action is Wednesday June 17th**

Access the action toolkit [here](#).

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## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Resources

**21-Day Racial Equity Challenge, from MI League for Public Policy**

MCA Partners, the MI League for Public Policy developed a guided version of this 21 Day challenge. Learn more and sign up for the challenge [here](#).

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## Webinars/Trainings

**Small Business Workshop 6-part series - Is your business ready to "Navigate the Headwinds of Crisis"?** Hosted by The Lee Group, MI LLC, 6/17, 6/24, 7/15, 7/22 and 7/29 at 10:00 AM ET. Information and register [here](#).

**Civic Engagement & Community Action.** Hosted by Community Action Partnership. June 18th 3:00 PM ET. [Register](#)

**Voter Registration & Community Action.** Hosted by Community Action Partnership. July 16th 3:00 PM ET. [Register](#)

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## COVID-19

**Communication Toolkit - For Migrants, Refugees, and Other Limited-English-Proficient Populations**

CDC created this communication toolkit to help public health professionals, health departments, community organizations, and healthcare systems and providers reach populations who may need COVID-19 prevention messaging in their native languages.

**June 17-** Legislative Committee  
10:30 AM EDT.

**July 15-** Legislative Committee  
10:30 AM EDT.

For a full list of events, visit [MCA's calendar](#).

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**The Michigan Community Action Update is a new, weekly round-up of important information for members of Michigan Community Action. We may send more frequent updates when important information breaks that impacts the Community Action network. We welcome your input and feedback.**

**Please send your comments and ideas [here](#).**

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This toolkit provides:

- Current messaging from a trusted source.
- Information in plain language available for downloading and sharing.
- Translated materials to help communities disseminate messages to a wider audience.

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#### **Find a COVID-19 Testing sight near you**

As businesses begin to reopen, employees are encouraged to get a COVID-19 test if they are at risk of exposure. This includes employees who are in contact with the public or work in industries that have seen outbreaks, such as farming, food processing, animal industries, etc., even if the employee does not have symptoms. Increased testing will help determine where the virus is so we can stop it before it spreads and safely re-engage the economy.

Testing is **NOT** required for employees to return to work. Testing **WILL** help us keep workplaces safer by stopping the spread.

#### **Watch for COVID-19 contact tracing text message scams**

Contact tracing – the process of identifying people who have come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, instructing them to quarantine and monitor their symptoms daily – plays an important role in helping stop the spread of the virus. It's also a process scammers now are targeting through spam text messaging. Unlike a legitimate text message from a health department, which only wants to let you know they'll be calling, this message includes a link to click. Clicking the link will download software onto your device, giving scammers access to your personal and financial information. Ignore and delete these scam messages.

**From the US Department of Veteran's Affairs: Managing Stress Associated with the COVID-19 Virus Outbreak** (Includes a free downloadable full color guide) [Website](#).

**We're here for you: We've made a number of changes at MCA so that we can continue to serve you and the network, including closing the physical MCA office and making arrangements for MCA staff to work remotely since March 16, 2020. All direct phone lines, as well as the general line have been forwarded to mobile phones and staff are all accessible by email as well.**

**Thank you. Be well and stay safe, everyone.**

**Matt Purcell**

Directors Council Chair  
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**Mary Ann Neopolitan**

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**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Resources**

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