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The Khoury Johnson and Leavitt team remain informed and engaged during these times of uncertainty. We are in communication with leadership in the executive, legislative and judiciary branches of state government, in addition to locals on a regular basis. Updates will continue every Friday as a mechanism to recap relevant activity from the past week.

Nursing home report: Create more aid for staff, look to 'recovery centers'

A new report on combating COVID-19 in Michigan's nursing homes has 28 recommendations, including an emphasis on training and support for frontline care workers and the replacement of the state's current regional "hubs" for COVID-positive nursing home residents with "care and recovery centers."

The report came from a gubernatorial task force which has been meeting twice a week this summer.

State launches health IT input campaign

A new effort by the state Health and Human Services Department (DHHS) to create a "roadmap" for health information technology will include a series of 16 virtual engagement sessions on a variety of topics such as care coordination, racial disparities in health, coronavirus response, and behavioral health. The sessions get under way on Sept. 15 and will continue into November.

[Click here for full schedule.](#)

"These sessions will provide an opportunity to collect input from stakeholders across Michigan on using data from health IT systems to address business needs as well as the needs of individuals they serve," the department stated.

For more information, visit the [MDHHS Health IT Commission web page](#).

Registration is now open for the Great Lakes PFAS Summit

The PFAS summit has been moved to a virtual, week-long event to be held Oct. 26-30, 2020. The goals of this conference are to provide the most current and reliable science and policy, facilitate networking and information sharing, and explore current and future research topics related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

One of the biggest stories in chemical contamination emerging over the past several years has been PFAS. States throughout the nation, including the Great Lakes region, are finding PFAS contamination in a growing number of locations where these persistent chemicals pose a threat to people and the environment. The Great Lakes Virtual PFAS Summit will bring together environmental program managers, policy experts, researchers, and contractors from around the Great Lakes region to share the challenges of addressing this contamination and present innovative technical solutions developed to address these "forever" chemicals.

Participants may include local, state, and federal government officials; environmental consultants and vendors; academic researchers and students; industry managing PFAS contamination; and community organizations. The cost is \$50 and professional development hours will be available.

Gyms Can Reopen Wednesday, September 9

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced Thursday, that gyms around the state can open next week.

Here's what Thursday's order says:

- Gym-goers will be required to wear a mask at all times, including when working out. An exception to that rule is swimming.
- Gym owners should do their best to offer outdoor workout opportunities. Capacity will be limited to 25%.
- The size of fitness classes must be reduced to enable 6 feet of separation between attendees.
- Equipment must be regularly disinfected and hand sanitizer or soap and water must be made available to clients.
- The gym must increase the circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors or using fans.
- Steam rooms, saunas, Jacuzzis and cold-plunge pools will be closed.

CLIENTS IN THE NEWS:

Novartis

[New collaboration between Novartis and Africa Medical Supplies Platform to facilitate supply of COVID-19 related medicines](#)

EXECUTIVE ORDERS:

- [Executive Order 2020-170:](#)
 - Temporary COVID-19 protocols for entry into Michigan Department of Corrections facilities and transfers to and from Department custody; temporary recommended COVID-19 protocols and enhanced early-release authorization
- [Executive Order 2020-171:](#)
 - Michigan Women's Commission Executive Reorganization
- [Executive Order 2020-172:](#)
 - Protecting workers who stay home, stay safe when they or their close contacts are sick
- [Executive Order 2020-173:](#)
 - Encouraging the use of electronic signatures and remote notarization, witnessing, and visitation during the COVID-19 pandemic
- [Executive Order 2020-174:](#)
 - Temporary restrictions on entry into health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities
- [Executive Order 2020-175:](#)
 - Safeguards to protect Michigan's workers from COVID-19
- [Executive Order 2020-176:](#)
 - Safe Start



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