

# VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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## **VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PLANS FOR WINTER OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

### ***THE ROAD COMMISSION WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .***

A collaborative response plan has been created among West Michigan County Road Agencies, including the Van Buren County Road Commission, to allow assistance across jurisdictional boundaries in the event of potential operational delays due to temporary staffing shortages relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Neighboring Road Commissions may be assisting during storm response operations to protect the traveling public across all of West Michigan.

The safety of our traveling public, first responders, and school children is at the forefront of our minds, and as such we will prioritize higher volume, primary road systems that are most frequently used. This may create a delay in plowing the lower volume, local and residential road systems and you may see a plow truck from a neighboring Road Commission or the community plowing your road. Should the response plan be implemented here in Van Buren County or in one of our neighboring counties, we will aim for a smooth transition and operation.

Here at the Van Buren County Road Commission we are enforcing several different procedures to minimize the risk of a COVID-19 outbreak, including staggered start times, separated garages, and daily sanitization of workspaces and equipment. Minimizing risk will keep us operational and allow us to maximize our staff as snow begins to fall and the plows come out.

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