

Privacy Policy and Terms and Conditions

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About MI COVID Help Outreach

MI COVID Help Outreach is intended to expand MDHHS communication and assistance to Michigan residents that have been affected by COVID 19.

Thank you for agreeing to receive text messages for MI COVID Help Outreach from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). This policy will explain how we will use the information you provide to us as well as other terms and conditions.

These Texting Terms and Conditions apply when you provide prior express consent to receive text messages from MDHHS. Text messaging from us may include one-time or recurring texts related to programs, services, tools, and/or general health information. At enrollment for recurring texting programs, we specify how to unsubscribe and seek assistance. Text messages will be sent to your mobile number using an automatic dialing system. Message and Data rates may apply. Text messaging may not be available via all carriers.

Your privacy is important to us. Your private information is not shared with anyone or used except as described in this Privacy Policy or as otherwise required by law. By agreeing to participate in the MI COVID Help Outreach, you agree to the collection and use of information in accordance with this policy.

Under no circumstances will MDHHS, or its affiliates, subsidiaries, agents, contractors, or vendors be liable for any direct or indirect, incidental, consequential, special, exemplary, or punitive damages arising out of or in connection with use of text messaging whether we have been advised of the possibility of such damages or not.

Carriers are not liable for undelivered or delayed messages.

Messages sent by text may not be delivered if the mobile device is not in range of a transmission site, or if sufficient network capacity is not available at a particular time. Even within a coverage area, factors beyond the control of wireless carriers may interfere with message delivery, including the terrain, proximity to buildings, foliage, weather, and the recipient's equipment. We will not be liable for losses or damages arising from (a) non-delivery, delayed delivery, or misdirected delivery of a text message; (b) inaccurate or incomplete content in a text message; or (c) use or reliance on the content of any text message for any purpose.

Please contact 1-866-806-3447 with further questions about MI COVID Help Outreach or this policy.

Definitions

“We” or “Us” or “Our” means collectively the MDHHS, or its affiliates, subsidiaries, agents, contractors, or vendors working on MI COVID Help Outreach.

What information will be collected?

The MI COVID Help Outreach team may ask questions related to performing COVID 19 contact tracing and symptom monitoring or ask you to share information related to a person interested in MDHHS programs and benefits. Additional information may be asked for as well to further the purposes noted above.

Outside of the information referenced above, the MI COVID Help Outreach does not access additional information from your device or “track” you through your phone.

Unemancipated minors (under the age of 18) can sign up for MI COVID Help Outreach only with consent from a parent or legal guardian. The parent or legal guardian must provide the consent to receive texts and agree to this policy.

Who will this information be shared with?

The data you share through the MI COVID Help Outreach will not be shared outside MDHHS or its Local Health Department partners and will only be used in support of the MDHHS initiatives.

How will this information be used?

To better understand how we might use your data, the following are some of the goals of this Outreach:

- To break the chain of COVID 19 infection, the goal is to contact anyone who has been exposed to the virus that causes COVID 19. Contact tracers call anyone who may have been exposed as quickly and sensitively as possible. Then, contacts may opt to continue their monitoring via text messaging rather than receiving phone calls.
- Contacts are given information and support to understand their risk and how to keep others safe.
- Contacts are asked to monitor themselves for illness and to seek help if they become ill. They may be asked to quarantine or isolate themselves.

We may also share your data if required by law to do so. For example, if a court orders us to turn it over. However, we will make every effort to protect your privacy to the extent allowed by law.

Your Responsibilities

Review this policy periodically to see if it has been modified.

Contact MDHHS if your number has changed or you no longer wish to receive text messages. Failure to do so may result in messages intended for you being routed to an incorrect recipient.

If you want to opt out of further participation, please let us know. What happens when you opt out is explained below.

Additional Terms and Conditions

By signing up for the MI COVID Help Outreach and consenting to receive texts you represent that you are the owner or authorized user of the wireless device you use to subscribe for the service, and that you are authorized to approve the applicable charges.

Data sent by MDHHS is sent using standard text protocols and while MDHHS takes all reasonable security precautions, you acknowledge there is some risk that texts and data transmitted between you and MDHHS could be intercepted by third parties.

Data obtained from you in connection with this texting service may include your cell phone number, your carrier's name, and the date, time and content of your messages and other information that you may provide. We may use this information to contact you and to provide the services you request from us, and to otherwise operate, develop and improve the service. Your wireless carrier and other service providers may also collect data about your usage, and their practices are governed by their own policies.

Opting In

If your phone number was provided to us during a COVID 19 case investigation, you may be initially opted in to receive text messages. Otherwise, you will be asked during an initial outreach conversation for your consent to opt into the program or for your consent to continue receiving texts.

Opting Out

We do not require anyone to receive texts for the MI COVID Help Outreach. If you wish to opt out of MI COVID Help Outreach, reply STOP to the message campaign.

By opting out we will:

- Stop sending you texts for the MI COVID Help Outreach. Note, if you have signed up for other texting programs with MDHHS, you may still receive texts from those programs.

We will not delete data already collected.

Requesting Help

Please text "HELP" in response to a text message you received for additional assistance.

Dispute Resolution

The laws of the State of Michigan, without regard to principles of conflict of laws, govern these terms and conditions.

You further agree that any dispute shall be brought by the parties and held and determined only in a Michigan state court or a federal court sitting in that state which shall be the exclusive venue of any such action or proceeding.

Privacy Policy Changes

This privacy notice may be updated from time to time. We will post the date our policy was last updated at the top of this page. You are agreeing to be bound by the terms as they are modified from time to time.

Who to Contact with Questions or Concerns:

If you have any concerns or questions about how your personal data is used, please contact: 1-866-806-3447