

## Monday Morning Live Q&A 4-27-20

**This situation has affected member communities differently. How will we protect ourselves from the state of Michigan balancing its budget on the backs of local units of government again?**

The state needs to prioritize and realize that revenue sharing is one of the only line items that hasn't been restored since the recession. The League sent a letter asking the Governor to share a significant portion of CARES act funding with local governments. They wanted us to tell them what the expenses are. They thought a lot of local government expenses could be covered under FEMA and other sources. There is no revenue back-fill allowed.

The MI delegation to congress has been very helpful. But they need to hear from us how important it is to fund local government. Particularly for those in Republican congressional districts.

**Has there been any discussion on seasonal construction?**

Yes. The biggest question is when will restrictions be relaxed. The Gov said last week that may be the first sector to be relaxed. She may talk about it this week.

**Can anything be done about big box stores not disinfecting carts, not wearing masks, not limiting numbers of customers, not using social distancing, etc.?**

As of this weekend, everyone (patron and employee) must wear a mask and social distance. There are rules on how many customers can be in the store at a time. Can send local police to that, or call the Attorney General hotline. Don't be afraid to use it.

**Small businesses are the backbone of many communities. Some small business owners and their employees have been frustrated by the unemployment system. Is MML working with the state on the problems with UIA, specifically, in regard to small business owners themselves?**

We've been having good conversations with the administration and SBA (Small Business Assoc). A lot of communities are dealing with unemployment with own employees.

**Like many communities, we are also in the process of trying to decide whether to hold our annual summer camp. Any potential guidance coming from the state on this topic?**

He spoke with Governor's office this morning – what thinking about when communities open up. Camp and recreational opportunities—what to do there—what is the appropriate way to re-engage. Tracking what CDC says about the number of people that can gather. Most likely will extend through the summer (social distancing). Nothing on this directly right now.

**When is the next state revenue estimating conference?**

May 15th.

**How are we doing Census wise?**

Canvassing, door to door events, etc. can't be done right now. Michigan's response rate is 59%, 5<sup>th</sup> in the country.

**John mentioned last week that he was working with the administration to allow yard waste pickups to begin; any progress?**

Yard waste is now an allowable activity. They still leave decision up to individual community or that community's waste hauler. Collection can be allowed with social distancing guidelines and provide appropriate personal protective equipment.