## A message from Police Chief Eric Payne

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Our department fully supports Gov. Whitmer's "Stay Home, Stav Safe" executive order. It is designed to slow the spread of COVID-19, keep people safe and allow essential services to continue. Staying home and practicing social distancing are the best ways to protect you and those you care about. I am confident our community members will continue to take



appropriate steps to address this public health emergency.

Please do not call 911 if you see people standing close together or a business you don't think is essential with its doors open. We need to keep the 911 lines open for emergencies. Dispatching officers to investigate whether a business is essential or not is not the best use of our resources at this time. Please call 311 or 616.456.3000 to report any concerns.

I want to thank the community for its partnership during this challenging time. Calls to our department are down, people are helping one another and there has been an outpouring of support for first responders and health care workers.

Please continue to follow public health recommendations and the Governor's executive orders. We will get through this together.