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**Subject:** FW: Michigan Apex Clarification  
**Date:** Sunday, April 5, 2020 2:05:28 PM

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Please advise, thanks.

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I am good but want to make sure it is ok to mention McKinsey group? Dir Gordon and Raz?

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**Subject:** Re: Michigan Apex Clarification

Thanks to the edits. Are we good with this being the response?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2020, at 12:48 PM, LyonCallo, Sarah (DHHS) <[lyoncallos@michigan.gov](mailto:lyoncallos@michigan.gov)> wrote:

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**Importance:** High

Making sure this is still my response to this question before responding. The highlighted yellow addresses his last question and I welcome feedback.

Hi Brian,

We are making use of multiple sources of modeling including work from [University of Michigan](#), IHME's <https://covid19.healthdata.org/projections>, the [COVIDACTNOW.ORG](#) site, running rough projections using assumptions in a paper from [Imperial College](#), and working with McKinsey Group.

Each model is dependent on the data used to develop it including how timely and specific the data are to geography, onset date of illness, case count, community spread data, observance of shelter in place orders/social distancing, death data, etc.

We continue to urge Michiganders to follow Governor Whitmer's Stay Home, Stay Safe Order and to practice social distancing to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our state.

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**Subject:** Re: Michigan Apex Clarification

Hi Brian,

Looping in my colleagues with MDHHS to help with your inquiry.

—Tiff

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**From:** Abel, Brian <[Brian.Abel@WXYZ.COM](mailto:Brian.Abel@WXYZ.COM)>

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**To:** Brown, Tiffany

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**Subject:** Michigan Apex Clarification

Good afternoon,

Dr. Birx with the White House Coronavirus Task Force yesterday said the multiple hotspots (including Detroit) could apex at the same time in the next 6-7 days, citing predictions from healthdata.org

However on Thursday, Gov. Whitmer suggested Michigan is probably a month away from the apex.

Reaching out to see where the discrepancy is and if it is a difference in modeling, which modeling the Governor is using for her prediction.

Also reaching out for comment on what Michiganders should consider a more accurate assessment to prepare for considering a 3 week difference in those

predictions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian

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**Attachments:** [Ltr to Gov Whitmer 4-24-20.pdf](#)

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Director Gordon and Dr. Khaldun,

I am not sure if you received this email – you were not included among others who were copied on the email I received, but you are mentioned as being cc'd on the attached letter.

We're giving this letter a close review in our office. As you'll see, among other concerns, MPAS discusses the *COVID-19 Practice Management Guide*. Let's find time to discuss your evaluation of that concern by phone in the next few days.

Your department and our office have been actively discussing the issue of protections for people with disabilities and I know we're jointly committed to making sure those protections are in place. This letter should help us focus our efforts and determine our next steps.

Thanks, Mark

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