Fall 2020 Planning: MI Symptoms Wellness Check

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Dear Colleagues,

Per [Executive Order 2020-114](), LSSU is required to conduct a daily entry self-screening protocol for all employees. LSSU currently uses a Google Forms daily wellness check that employees receive via email to fulfill this requirement. Effective Monday, July 13, 2020, the MI Symptoms platform, available through the Department of Health and Human Services, will replace the current Google Forms daily wellness check. MI Symptoms is a web-based instrument that monitors employee health similarly to the Google Form. Daily responses will be monitored internally by the LSSU Healthcare Center and Human Resources. This online survey will also support contact tracing by Chippewa County Health Department and anonymously report health screens for "at-risk" individuals to the State of Michigan so regional data can be tracked for potential rises in COVID-19 illness.

To complete this screening daily, all employees must create a profile. [Please click here]() to create the profile on the MI Symptoms Check. The employer code for LSSU is **1807-5107.** Once created, all employees are required to log in daily to complete the short questionnaire about their health before their shift or workday. Whether currently working on-campus or remotely, we ask you to begin completing this health screen daily. You will continue to receive the daily wellness check reminder emails.

By completing this health screen, employees should be conscious of their health and do their part to contain the spread of COVID-19. If you receive an "at risk" assessment after completing the screening, please stay home and do not report to work. Contact the LSSU Health Care Center by phone at (906) 635-2110 or your local medical provider to discuss your symptoms and determine next steps.

LSSU is committed to providing a safe work environment to all of its employees and MI Symptoms supports this commitment. The University and its community members rely on your help to keep the campus community safe. If you have questions or concerns about this screening process or issues related to COVID-19, please contact the COVID-19 Task Force at [covid19@lssu.edu]() or your immediate supervisor.

Sincerely,

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MI Symptoms Check FAQ

- **What is the goal of MI Symptoms?**

MI Symptoms is a symptom survey to be taken daily by Michigan residents, for early detection of COVID-like illnesses by Michigan public health professionals. This symptom survey may also help us better understand what influences the spread of the virus. The survey will inform you if your symptoms are similar to COVID-19 and provides a method for Michiganders to check their daily wellness during the pandemic.

- **Why am I told that I may be at-risk for COVID-19?**

MI Symptoms indicates you may be at-risk if you report one or more COVID-19 symptoms announced by the CDC. We understand some symptoms related to COVID-19 may be caused by other conditions. Survey results should not be interpreted as a diagnosis. Please contact COVID19@michigan.gov if you have further questions or concerns.

- **If I use Google or Facebook sign in, will they have access to the symptom data I enter in this survey? Will the State of Michigan be able to access my Google or Facebook account?**

If you login using Google or Facebook, neither Google nor Facebook will be have access to your symptom data. The State of Michigan will not be able to access your Google or Facebook account. Google or Facebook log-in is a simple, secure, and fast way for users to access this survey. MI Symptoms only receives the most basic profile information from these third parties (name, email, profile picture, and language preferences) and does not give these third parties any information that you have entered into the MI Symptoms or on your survey results.

- **What will these data be used for? Will they be made public?**

The results of MI Symptoms will be used in an anonymous way to create a county and regional map to visualize symptoms and COVID-19 cases across the state, so you and other Michiganders can see overall activity in your area. In addition, if you have COVID-19-like symptoms, the state or local health department may reach out to inquire about your health situation or about programs that could help you find testing or services.

- **Are these data protected by HIPAA?**

The information you self-report on this form is for public health monitoring and does not fall under HIPAA. HIPAA is a law to protect patient privacy when information is being shared by a healthcare provider.

- **I'm worried that either I have – or another person has – COVID-19 based on our symptoms, even though MI Symptoms hasn't told me this. What can I do?**

Complete the CDC Self-Checker tool to see if the symptoms make them COVID-19-likely. Then, sign up to get tested at your closest testing center and begin self-isolating immediately. If you have questions or want to request help related to COVID-19, please send an email to COVID19@michigan.gov.

- **If the MI Symptoms stops working or doesn't allow me to log in, what should I do? What if I want to withdraw my data from MI Symptoms?**

Please send an email to MISymptomsHelp@umich.edu immediately with your name and email address.