

TRUMP THREATENS TO WITHHOLD DISASTER DECLARATION FOR MICHIGAN BECAUSE GRETCHEN WHITMER WAS MEAN TO HIM

Update: According to NBC's Geoff Bennett, Trump has now approved the request.

Last night, Donald Trump suggested that he might withhold a disaster declaration for Michigan requested by Governor Whitmer on March 26 because he doesn't like Governor Whitmer's public comments about the Federal government's failures.

"We've had a big problem with the young – a woman governor. You know who I'm talking about – from Michigan. We don't like to see the complaints," President Trump told Sean Hannity during a FOX News interview on Thursday.

Gov. Whitmer has been openly critical of the federal response to the coronavirus outbreak, voicing her frustration with not having enough COVID-19 test kits and a lack of "clear and concise guidance from the federal government."

The comments from President Trump come on the same day Gov. Whitmer requested a major disaster declaration for Michigan over the coronavirus outbreak.

"She doesn't get it done, and we send her a lot. Now, she wants a declaration of emergency, and, you know, we'll have to make a decision on that," President Trump continued. "I don't know if she knows what's going on, but all she does is sit there and blame the federal

government.”

Here are the states for which Trump has declared an emergency with the number of positive cases on the date Trump made that declaration and the party of their governor.

Disaster Declarations by State and Total Cases on Approval

Date	State	Governor	Governor's Party	Cases at Declaration
March 22	New York	Andrew Cuomo	Democratic	7102
March 22	California	Gavin Newsom	Democratic	1536
March 22	Washington	Jay Inslee	Democratic	1793
March 24	Louisiana	John Bel Edwards	Democratic	1388
March 24	Iowa	Kim Reynolds	Republican	124
March 25	North Carolina	Roy Cooper	Democratic	504
March 25	Florida	Ron DeSantis	Republican	1682
March 25	Texas	Greg Abbott	Republican	974
March 26	Missouri	Mike Parson	Republican	502
March 26	Maryland	Larry Hogan	Republican	580
March 26	Illinois	JB Pritzker	Democratic	2538
March 26	Tribal Governments			
March 26	New Jersey	Phil Murphy	Democratic	6876

As of yesterday, Michigan has had 2,856 people test positive for COVID-19. Dr. Deborah Birx pointed to SE Michigan's Wayne County (which includes Detroit and the mostly working class suburbs), along with Cook County, IL, as the alarming hotspots in the country.

And yet Trump doesn't want to approve a disaster declaration because a girl was mean to him.