

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

REQUIRED FACIAL COVERINGS

The Washtenaw County Local Health Officer issues this Order pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.2453 as it has been determined that it is necessary to protect the public health from further spread of COVID-19 within Washtenaw County.

In response to the ongoing public health emergency and the risk posed by a resurgence of COVID-19, matters concerning the public health of the residents of Washtenaw County have been brought to the attention of the Washtenaw County Health Officer. The Local Health Officer has determined that controls are necessary to reduce transmission of COVID-19 and to protect the public's health in Washtenaw County based on the following facts:

- A biological agent or the effects of a biological agent have been detected within Washtenaw County
- A communicable disease, novel Coronavirus, which causes COVID-19 has been identified and can be transmitted from person to person.
- In order to control and limit the spread of the novel Coronavirus, it is necessary to prevent infected people from coming into contact with people not infected.
- The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced with cloth face coverings, social distancing, and staying home when sick.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that cloth face coverings are recommended as a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the cloth face covering coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice. This is called source control.

It is hereby ordered that:

1. Any individual who leaves their home or place of residence must wear a cloth face covering over their nose and mouth in the following instances:
 - a. When in any indoor public space; this includes all students in grades kindergarten through twelve; and
 - b. When in any non-residential indoor space, such as workplaces, and not able to consistently maintain 6 feet of social distance; and
 - c. When outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their household; and
 - d. When waiting for or riding on public transportation, while in a taxi or ride-sharing vehicle, school bus or when using a private car service as a means of hired transportation.
 - e. Athletes training for, practicing for, or competing in an organized sport must wear a facial covering (except when swimming) or consistently maintain 6 feet of social distance (except for occasional and fleeting moments).
2. Although a face covering is strongly encouraged even for individuals not required to wear one, the requirement to wear a face covering does not apply to individuals who:
 - a. Are younger than five years old, though children two years old and older are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering, pursuant to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC);
 - b. Cannot medically tolerate a face covering;

- c. Are eating or drinking while seated at a food service establishment;
 - d. Are receiving a service for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service;
 - e. Are entering a business or are receiving a service and are asked to temporarily remove a face covering for identification purposes;
 - f. Are communicating with someone who is hearing impaired or otherwise disabled and where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication;
 - g. Are actively engaged in a public safety role, including but not limited to law enforcement, firefighters, or emergency medical personnel, and where wearing a mask would seriously interfere in the performance of their public safety responsibilities;
 - h. Are at a polling place for purposes of voting in an election;
 - i. Are officiating at a religious service; or
 - j. Are giving a speech for broadcast or an audience.
3. To protect workers, shoppers, and the community, no business that is open to the public may provide service to a customer or allow a customer to enter its premises, unless the customer is wearing a face covering as required by this order.
 4. Businesses that are open to the public must post signs at entrance(s) instructing customers of their obligation under this order to wear a face covering while inside.
 5. The protections against discrimination in the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 453, as amended, MCL 37.2101 et seq., and any other protections against discrimination in Michigan law, apply in full force to individuals who wear a face covering under this order.
 6. No individual is subject to penalty under section 8 of this order for removing a mask while engaging in religious worship at a house of religious worship. Consistent with guidance from the CDC, congregants are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings during religious services.

Such measures will be enforced, and any violations are subject to citation and penalties as outlined in the Michigan Public Health Code.

This order takes effect immediately and will remain in effect until it is determined by the Washtenaw County Health Officer that the threat to the public's health and lives is no longer present.

This order may be revised as well as supplemented with specific procedures and orders in accordance with the Michigan Public Health Code.



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Health Officer

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GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

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- A communicable disease, novel Coronavirus, which causes COVID-19 has been identified and can be transmitted from person to person.
- In order to control and limit the spread of the novel Coronavirus, it is necessary to prevent infected people from coming into contact with people not infected.
- The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced with cloth face coverings, social distancing, and staying home when sick.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that individuals stay at least 6 feet from others who are not in the same household. Risk of COVID-19 transmission at a gathering or event increases as the size of the event or gathering increases.

It is hereby ordered that:

1. **Gatherings and events.** Social gatherings and organized events among persons not part of the same household are permitted only to the extent provided in this order. In all cases, organizers and venues must ensure that the gathering or event complies with this order, and that persons not part of the same household maintain six feet of distance from one another, including by designing the gathering or event to encourage and maintain social distancing. This section does not apply to an incidental gathering of persons in a shared space, including an airport, bus station, factory floor, restaurant, shopping mall, public pool, or workplace (although it does apply to social gatherings and organized events held in such places).
 - a. An indoor social gathering or indoor organized event of 10 people or fewer is permitted in residential settings.
 - b. An indoor social gathering or indoor organized event of more than 10 and fewer than 500 people occurring at a non-residential venue is permitted outside the City of Ann Arbor and City of Ypsilanti only to the extent that the organizers and venue:
 1. In cases where the gathering or event occurs in a venue with fixed seating, limit attendance to 20% of seating capacity;
 2. Otherwise, limit attendance to 20 people per 1,000 square feet of venue space, including no more than 20 people per 1,000 square feet in each room;
 3. Consistent with Washtenaw County's Facial Coverings Emergency order, require individuals at the venue to wear a facial covering.
 - c. An outdoor social gathering or outdoor organized event of more than 100 and fewer than 1,000 people occurring at a non-residential venue is permitted outside the City of Ann Arbor and City of Ypsilanti only to the extent that the organizers and venue:

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1. In cases where the gathering or event occurs in a venue with fixed seating, limit attendance to 30% of seating capacity;
 2. Otherwise, limit attendance to 30 people per 1,000 square feet of event space, including no more than 30 people per 1,000 square feet in any distinct area within the event space.
 - d. **Within the City of Ann Arbor and the City of Ypsilanti** gatherings and events among persons not part of the same household must comply with the following requirements:
 1. An indoor social gathering or organized event at a residential setting must be no more than 10 people;
 2. An outdoor social gathering or organized event at a residential setting must be no more than **25** people.
 - e. Notwithstanding the further limitation on gathering and event size, gatherings and events subject to this local order must continue to comply with all other provisions of local emergency orders.
 - f. Organizers must ensure that persons not part of the same household maintain six feet of distance from one another, including by designing the gathering or event to encourage and maintain social distancing.
 - g. Organizers must ensure that persons comply with provisions of the local face covering emergency order.
 - h. Any individual, group or entity organizing or hosting an outdoor gathering or organized event is strongly encouraged to make and keep a record of all attendees for 21 days thereafter. If confirmed COVID-19 cases become associated with the gathering or event, the record will greatly facilitate case investigations by the Washtenaw County Health Department.
2. **Exceptions.** Indoor gathering and event limitations imposed by this order do not apply to any of the following:
 - a. Aspects of training of law enforcement, correctional, medical, or first responder personnel not capable of being performed remotely;
 - b. Polling places.
 3. **Religious worship.** Consistent with prior guidance, neither a place of religious worship nor its owner is subject to penalty under this order for allowing religious worship at such a place. No individual is subject to penalty of this order for engaging in religious worship at a place of religious worship.
 4. Nothing in this order supersedes any other Washtenaw County emergency order. Emergency orders that further restrict gathering or event size beyond the limitations set forth in this order shall prevail where in direct conflict with this order.

Such measures will be enforced, and any violations are subject to citation and penalties as outlined in the Michigan Public Health Code.

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CAPACITY LIMITATIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

The Washtenaw County Local Health Officer issues this Order pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.2453 as it has been determined that it is necessary to protect the public health from further spread of COVID-19 within Washtenaw County.

The Local Health Officer has determined that additional restrictions are necessary to control the Coronavirus pandemic and to protect the public health of Washtenaw County based on the following:

- A communicable disease, Coronavirus, which causes COVID-19 has been identified within Washtenaw County that can be transmitted from person to person.
- In order to control and limit the spread of the Coronavirus, it is necessary to prevent and limit infected people from encountering uninfected people.
- Washtenaw County has reported a total of 3,459 confirmed cases of COVID-19 to date and COVID-19 cases have recently increased in Washtenaw County.
- This Order reduces occupancy load for food service establishments with a Food License in Washtenaw County issued under Michigan's Food Law, 2000 PA 92 (MCL 289.1101 et seq.).

It is hereby ordered that:

- 1. Each food service establishment with a Food License in Washtenaw County issued under Michigan's Food Law, 2000 PA 92 (MCL 289.1101 et seq.) must:**
 - a. Limit capacity to 50% of normal seating.
 - b. Require six feet of separation between parties or groups at different tables or bar tops (e.g., spread tables out, use every other table, remove or put up chairs or barstools that are not in use).
 - c. Require patrons to wear a face covering except when seated at their table or bar top (unless the patron is unable medically to tolerate a face covering).
 - d. Require patrons to remain seated at their tables or bar tops, except to enter or exit the premises, to order food, or to use the restroom.
 - e. Sell alcoholic beverages only via table service, not via orders at the bar except to patrons seated at the bar.
 - f. Prohibit access to common areas in which people can congregate, dance, or otherwise mingle.
 - g. Close waiting areas and ask customers to wait in cars whenever possible, or else outside the restaurant or bar, for a notification when their table is ready. Restaurants and bars should take measures to encourage social distancing among those customers waiting for tables who are not waiting in their cars.
 - h. Close self-serve food or drink options, such as buffets, salad bars, and drink stations.
 - i. Provide physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signage on walls to ensure that customers remain at least six feet apart in any lines.
 - j. Post signs at store entrances informing customers not to enter if they are or have recently been sick.
 - k. Post signs instructing customers to wear face coverings until they are seated at their table.

- l. Require hosts, servers, and staff to wear face coverings in the dining area.
- m. Require employees to wear face coverings in the kitchen area when handling food.
- n. Limit shared items for customers (e.g., condiments, menus) and clean high-contact areas after each customer (e.g., tables, chairs, menus, payment tools).
- o. Train employees on:
 - i. Appropriate use of personal protective equipment in conjunction with food safety guidelines.
 - ii. Food safety health protocols (e.g., cleaning between customers, especially shared condiments).
 - iii. How to manage symptomatic customers upon entry or in the restaurant.
- p. Install physical barriers, such as sneeze guards and partitions at cash registers, bars, host stands, and other areas where maintaining physical distance of six feet is difficult.
- q. To the maximum extent possible, limit the number of employees in shared spaces, including kitchens, host stands, break rooms, and offices, to maintain at least a six-foot distance between employees.

2. Healthcare facilities, long term care facilities, and grocery stores are excluded from this Order.

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EMPLOYEE SCREENING FOR THE WORKPLACE

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- The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced with cloth face coverings, social distancing, and staying home when sick.

It is hereby ordered that all businesses and operations (public or private) in Washtenaw County that required their employees to leave their homes or residences for work must take the following precautions at a minimum:

1. Develop and implement a daily screening program, as described herein, for all staff upon or just prior to reporting to work sites. At a minimum, the screening procedures must include the following:
 - A. Ask if the employee has symptoms of fever of 100.4 degrees or higher (as measured by a touchless thermometer if available, but a verbal confirmation of lack of fever is sufficient if a touchless thermometer is not available); cough (excluding chronic cough due to a known medical reason other than COVID-19); shortness of breath; loss of taste or loss of smell; or TWO (2) or more of the following: chills; muscle aches; headaches; sore throat; fatigue (not otherwise explained by another known cause); diarrhea (excluding diarrhea due to a known medical reason other than COVID-19); nausea or vomiting; congestion or runny nose;
 - B. Ask if the employee had any close contact in the last 14 days with someone with a diagnosis of COVID-19.
2. Any affirmative response to screening questions (1)(A) or (B) above requires the individual to be excluded from the work site:
 - A. With symptoms, you can return to work under the following two scenarios:
 - i. Negative COVID test and no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine and other symptoms have improved OR
 - ii. The individual has self-isolated for 10 days and no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine and other symptoms have improved

- B. With close contact, for 14 days since close contact with diagnosed case of COVID-19.
3. When an employee or known patron is identified with a confirmed case of COVID-19 immediately notify the Washtenaw County Health Department.
4. Develop and implement a social distancing plan (at least 6 feet from another person) for employees working in shared spaces and customers waiting for services inside or outside of the business.
5. Nothing in this order limits the operations of first responders, health care professionals and workers at a health care facility, public health functions, pharmacies, child protective service employees, workers at child caring institutions, workers at adult foster care facilities, workers at correctional facilities and other entities that are involved in the mitigation of risk during this pandemic.
6. Publish this order at all facility entrances so that it is visible to all employees and customers.

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