

**PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC  
PROCEDURES FOR BUSINESSES/ENTITIES  
REMAINING OPEN UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-21**


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. As evidence for the need for these measures, the State of Michigan is under a “shelter in place” order as of March 24, 2020. As part of that order, certain businesses and entities may remain open because they provide essential services to sustaining or protecting life. Being that COVID-19 is being spread by person to person contact, those businesses and entities remaining open still pose a risk to furthering community spread. In addition to the measures ordered by the Governor, certain procedures must be implemented at those businesses and entities in order to limit exposure within the community and protect the individuals designated as essential. As such, the Washtenaw County Local Health Officer hereby orders the following to take effect on March 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and will be in effect through April 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.:

Businesses and entities in Washtenaw County remaining open under Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-21 must:

- Develop and implement a daily screening procedure for all staff upon reporting to work sites. The screening procedures must include the following:
  - Ask if the employee has symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, or diarrhea - if a touchless/contactless thermometer is available, a temperature check is strongly recommended in lieu of verbal confirmation - the presence of any symptoms is a concern;
  - Ask if the employee has had close contact in the last 14 days with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19; and
  - Ask if the employee has travelled via airplane internationally or domestically in the last 14 days.
- If an employee answers “yes” to any of the screening questions, the employee is not permitted on the work site and should self-isolate/self-quarantine at home for:
  - If symptoms are present, a minimum of 7 days since symptoms first appear. Must also have 3 days without fevers and improvement in respiratory symptoms;
  - 14 days if the employee had close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19; or
  - 14 days following international or domestic travel.
  - Note: 14 day quarantine period does not apply to hospitals, healthcare facilities, EMS, other organizations that employ healthcare workers in the inpatient or outpatient setting, all providers and support staff involved in patient care, and public health staffing actively involved in the COVID-19 response (local or state).
- 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.
- Limit capacity inside facilities to provide for social distancing between customers and employees. This includes, but is not limited to use of signs, contact barriers, entrance limits and specialized hours.
- Publish this order at all facility entrances so that it is visible to all employees and customers.

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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