

Updated for COVID-19 Restrictions Under the Public Health Code Act 368 of 1978 Section 333.2253

- **The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has issued an Emergency Order of Gathering Prohibition and Masks.**
- **Food Service establishments**
 - Shall close indoor common areas in which people can congregate, dance, or otherwise mingle.
 - Prohibit indoor gatherings anywhere alcoholic beverages are sold for consumption onsite except for where parties are seated and separated from one other by at least 6 feet and do no intermingle.
- **Face Covering Requirement:**
 - 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 Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253.
 - Only children under 5 years of age and individuals who cannot medically tolerate a face covering are exempt from face covering requirements. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does recommend that children older than 2 years of age to wear a face covering.
 - Customers are required to wear a face covering except when seated at their table (Unless the customer is unable to medically tolerate a face mask).
 - Businesses, government offices, schools, and other operations must not allow indoor gatherings of any kind unless they require individuals to wear a face covering. For schools in Region 6, the wearing of face coverings is recommended.
 - **A business, school, government office, or other operation may not assume that someone who enters the business without a face covering falls in one of the exceptions specified in section 3 of this order, including the exception for individuals who cannot medically tolerate a face covering. A business, school, government office, or other operation may, however, accept an individual's verbal representation that they are not wearing a face covering because they fall within a specified exception.**
- **Gathering Limitations:**
 - Indoor gatherings of more than 10 and up to 500 people occurring at a nonresidential venue are permitted only to the extent that the organizers and venue:
 - In venues with fixed seating, limit attendance to 20% of seating capacity of the venue, provided however that gatherings at up to 25% of seating capacity are permitted in Region 6, as that region was defined in Executive Order 2020-176.
 - In venues without fixed seating, limit attendance to 20 persons per 1,000 square feet in each occupied room, provided however that gatherings of up to 25 persons per 1,000 square feet in each occupied room are permitted in Region 6, as that region was defined in Executive Order 2020-176.
 - Require that each person gathered wears a face covering.
 - Outdoor gatherings of more than 100 and up to 1,000 persons occurring at a nonresidential venue with fixed seating are permitted only to the extent that the organizers and venue:
 - In venues with fixed seating, limit attendance to 30% of seating capacity
 - In venues without fixed seating, limit attendance to 30 persons per 1,000 square feet, including within any distinct area within the event space
 - Require that each person gathered wear a face covering

Frequently Asked Questions

Q - Who is going to enforce these new restrictions?

A - Local Health Departments and law enforcement are authorized to carry out and enforce the terms of this order.

Q- Are face masks still a requirement?

A- Yes, face coverings are required to be worn by individuals unless they are under the age of 5 years old or are medically unable to tolerate a face covering.

Q - Are food facilities allowed to open common areas or bar game areas (Pool, darts, dancing etc.)?

A - Licensed food facilities must close and prohibit access to common areas in which people can congregate, dance, or otherwise mingle according to the Emergency Order.

Q - Are tables still required to be separated by 6 feet?

A - Yes, social distancing is still required between groups or parties. There are no restrictions on how many people can be seated at a table as long as they are part of the same group or party.

Q - Is my food facility still required to operate at 50% capacity?

A - No, the 50% capacity has been removed but social distancing between tables is still required.

Q - Are employees still required to complete the daily health screening when they arrive to work?

A - No, this requirement is no longer required but highly recommended to ensure employee safety and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to other employees.

Q - Where do I go to file a complaint?

A - We now have a [complaint form](#) or individuals can email us at (hotline@bldhd.org) for the public to submit questions, comments, and complaints.

More information on the Emergency Order Under MCL 333.2253: Gatherings Prohibition and Mask Order can be found by Clicking the emergency order below: [MDHHS Emergency Order](#)