Township Activities and Facilities Under Current Executive Orders (as of August 5, 2020)
(In effect until Michigan moves to Phase 5 in MI Safe Start Plan, based on MI Safe Start Data)

Regions: For purposes of the Executive Orders, Michigan comprises eight separate regions:

- **Region 1:** Monroe, Washtenaw, Livingston, Genesee, Lapeer, Saint Clair, Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne.
- **Region 2:** Mason, Lake, Osceola, Clare, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Muskegon, Montcalm, Ottawa, Kent, and Ionia.
- **Region 3:** Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, Saint Joseph, and Branch.
- **Region 4:** Oscoda, Alcona, Ogemaw, Iosco, Gladwin, Arenac, Midland, Bay, Saginaw, Tuscola, Sanilac, and Huron.
- **Region 5:** Gratiot, Clinton, Shiawassee, Eaton, and Ingham.
- **Region 7:** Hillsdale, Lenawee, and Jackson.
- **Region 6:** Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Leelanau, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, and Emmet.

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Meetings of a public body:

Meetings of a public body should still be held remotely by electronic method (or if all or some of the members of the public body meet in-person, electronic access must still be provided). But the public now may attend an in-person meeting, although there is a limit of no more than 10 persons indoors in ALL Regions (the 10-person limit includes the public body members and any other attendees). So, it is more important than ever to consider holding your meeting electronically or at a minimum providing electronic access.

For more information, refer to:

- MTA Guidelines on How to Conduct Meetings under Executive Order 2020-154,
- MTA Virtual Meetings Reference Guide
- Open Meetings Act

Activities Allowed:

- If it is not prohibited or limited by EO 2020-160, it is allowed.

- If a township employee’s work can be performed remotely from home, they may work as directed by the township board, but must continue to perform it at home. (In Regions 6 & 8, they should work at home. 2020-162)

- If any township work cannot be performed remotely from home, the township board may call employees back to work, but must provide workplace safeguards in EO 2020-161 (and any order following from it).

- All individuals who leave home/residence must:
  
  o Follow social distancing; 6 feet from non-household members to extent feasible
  
  o Wear mask when outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their household (EO 2020-153)
  
  o Wear mask when in any indoor public space unless subject to exception in EO 2020-153 (Possible exceptions—children under 5, cannot medically tolerate, eating/drinking at food establishment, exercising if interfering, receiving service requiring temporary removal, asked to remove for ID purposes at business or service, communicating when mouth/lips need to be seen, engaged in public safety purposes, at polling place for purposes of voting in election, officiating at religious service, giving speech for broadcast or audience that is at least 6 feet away)
  
  o No business, government offices, or operation 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 EO 2020-153 (subject to exceptions in EO)
    
    ▪ Township may require removal when entering public space for ID purposes
    
    ▪ Person may be refused entry/access by business/building owner (township board) if they refuse to wear or identify the applicable exception.
    
    ▪ Township must post signs at entrance(s) instructing legal obligation to wear mask.
• **Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Development’s Covid-19 Workplace Safety Guidance web portal**, which includes guidance for **Offices**, including **Printable Posters**:
  - **Workplace Safety Guidelines Poster**
  - **Wear a Mask, It’s the Law** (customer poster)
  - **No Mask, No Entry** (customer poster)

• Township may not assume person meets exceptions other than medical but may accept verbal representation they fall within a specified exception.

• **INDOOR social gatherings and events, including meetings of township public bodies**, allowed in ALL Regions among no more than 10 persons, as long as persons not part of single household maintain 6-foot distance. *(10-person indoor gathering limit now applies in Regions 6 and 8)*
  - Note that this will limit what indoor events a township facility, or hall rental, can offer.
  - The limits on numbers of persons indoors do NOT apply to polling places (See also page 5). But the requirement for 6-foot distancing DOES apply.

• **OUTDOOR social gatherings and events, including meetings of township public bodies**, allowed in:
  - Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 among no more than 100 persons not part of a single household, as long as persons not part of single household maintain 6-foot distance
  - Regions 6 and 8 among no more than 250 persons not part of a single household allowed, as long as persons not part of single household maintain 6-foot distance
  - Note that this will limit what outdoor events a township facility can offer.

• **Outdoor sports/games**: Outdoor fitness classes, athletic practices, training sessions, or games, provided that coaches, spectators, and participants not from the same household maintain six feet of distance from one another at all times during such activities, and that equipment and supplies are shared to the minimum extent possible and are subject to frequent and thorough disinfection and cleaning.

• **Outdoor parks and recreational facilities**: Unless otherwise prohibited by local regulation, outdoor parks and recreational facilities (including campgrounds for overnight camping) may be open, provided that they make any reasonable modifications necessary to enable employees and patrons not part of the same household to maintain six feet of distance from one another, and provided that areas in which social distancing cannot be maintained be closed, subject to guidance issued by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

• **Libraries and Museums** may open, subject to rules for retail stores in **EO 2020-161** (and any order following from it).

• **Public swimming pools**: Unless otherwise prohibited by local regulation, public swimming pools, as defined by MCL 333.12521(d), may be open, subject to guidance issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, provided that:
o If they are outdoors, they limit capacity to 50% of the bather capacity limits described in Rule 325.2193 of the Michigan Administrative Code;

o If they are indoors and located in Regions 6 or 8, they limit capacity to 25% of the bather capacity limits described in Rule 325.2193 of the Michigan Administrative Code;

o If they are indoors and located outside of Regions 6 or 8, they open only for infant and child drowning prevention classes and limit capacity to 25% of the bather capacity limits described in Rule 325.2193 of the Michigan Administrative Code; and

o They limit capacity on the pool deck to ensure that persons not part of the same household maintain six feet of distance from one another.

Closed in Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7:

- Indoor theaters, cinemas and performance venues
- Indoor gyms, fitness centers, recreation centers, sports facilities, exercise facilities/studios, etc.
- Indoor services or facilities, or outdoor services or facilities involving close contact of persons, for amusement or other recreational or entertainment purposes, such as amusement parks, arcades, bingo halls, bowling alleys, indoor climbing facilities, indoor dance areas, skating rinks, trampoline parks, carnivals or amusement rides, water parks, and other similar recreational or entertainment facilities

Open in Regions 6 and 8, BUT with restrictions:

In Regions 6 and 8, an indoor arcade, bowling alley, cinema, climbing facility, convention center, performance space, meeting hall, sports arena, theater, or similar indoor venue may be open to spectators or patrons without the limit of 10 persons, but only to the extent that it:

- Arranges the venue such that persons not part of the same household may maintain six feet of distance from one another at all times while in the venue; and
- Limits the number of people in the venue to 25% of its maximum capacity or to 250, whichever is smaller. Each separate auditorium or screening room is a separate venue.

In Regions 6 and 8, an outdoor concert space, race track, sports arena, stadium, or similar outdoor venue may, be open to spectators or patrons without the limit of 250 persons, but only to the extent that it:

- Arranges the venue such that persons not part of the same household may maintain six feet of distance from one another at all times while in the venue; and
- Limits the number of people in the venue to 25% of its maximum capacity or to 500, whichever is smaller.
Polling Places on Election Day:

Numbers of Persons:

- **FAQs for EO 2020-160**: “Q: Do the limitations on the number of people at indoor gatherings or events apply to voting activities (e.g., at school cafeterias that are used as polling places or to count ballots)?

  “A. No. The gathering and event limitations in Executive Order 2020-160 do not apply to voters coming together to cast their individual vote or to poll workers coming together, as necessary, to count votes. Polling places should take steps, however, to enable voters and poll workers to remain six feet from one another at all times.”

- Note that this may mean only allowing a certain number of voters into the polling place at a time to maintain the six-foot social distancing, depending on the available space at the specific polling place.

Masks:

- **EO 2020-153** states “wearing a mask at a polling place for purposes of voting in an election is not required, though wearing a mask to protect yourself and others is strongly encouraged. … 2. The requirement to wear a mask does not apply to individuals who … (i) are at a polling place for purposes of voting in an election.”

- **Bureau of Elections News Update, July 17, 2020**: “Executive Order 2020-153 … says that voters are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings, but the requirement to wear a face covering inside does not apply to voters who are at a polling place for purposes of voting in an election.

  “Voters should be strongly encouraged to wear masks but cannot be denied the ability to vote because they are not wearing a mask. We recommend that polling places have extra masks available for voters who arrive without a mask. Each precinct is being provided with 50 masks by the Bureau of Elections; surplus masks can be offered to voters. If voters are not wearing masks, poll workers can encourage them to use curbside voting or direct them to voting areas that are at a greater distance from other locations within the polling place. However, voters cannot be denied the ability to vote because they are not wearing a mask. If a voter refuses to wear a mask and refuses voting alternatives such as curbside voting, election workers should facilitate the voter’s ability to cast a ballot while preserving social distancing, rather than attempting to confront the voter. For example, the voter can be discretely directed to the voting station that is most isolated from other areas in the polling place.

  “The Polling Place Safety and Accessibility Guidelines have been updated. The new version is available [to election officials] in eLearning. The document has been updated to include Executive Order 2020-153, clarify that local guidance may vary on gloves and other equipment, and include sample language for poll workers and posters on masks, social distancing, and the availability of curbside voting.”