



Township Activities and Facilities Under Current Executive Orders *(as of Sept. 4, 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.
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- **Region 6:** Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Leelanau, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, and Emmet.
 - **Region 8 (entire U.P.):** Gogebic, Ontonagon, Houghton, Keweenaw, Iron, Baraga, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee, Delta, Alger, Schoolcraft, Luce, Mackinac, and Chippewa.

EO	Status	Expiration	Purpose
2020-38	Expired	Not replaced	Temporary FOIA Deadlines (All statutory deadlines apply now)
2020-87	In effect	2020 Tax Year	Extension of March BOR Deadlines
2020-153	In effect; rescinded 147	No expiration	Masks (Section 2(d) rescinded by 2020-175, so now persons who are exercising must wear a mask—exemption removed)
2020-154	In effect; rescinded 129	No expiration	Alternative means to conduct government business (allow remote/electronic meetings)
2020-173	In effect; rescinded 158	Sept. 30, 2020 (11:59 p.m.)	Encouraging the use of electronic signatures and remote notarization, witnessing, and visitation
2020-176	Eff. Sept. 4, rescind. 160	No expiration	Amended Safe Start Order (All Regions)
2020-175	Eff. Sept 3, rescinded 161	No expiration	Safeguards to protect Michigan’s workers from COVID-19 (“Workplace Safeguards order”)
2020-177	Eff. Sept. 3, rescinded 165	Oct. 1, 2020 (11:59 p.m.)	Declaration of state of emergency and state of disaster related to the COVID-19 pandemic
All EOs/FAQs	https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455_98456_100804---,00.html		

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). **The public 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 [2020-176](#), 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. [2020-176](#))
- 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 [2020-175](#) (and any order following from it).
- **All individuals** who leave home/residence must:
 - **Follow social distancing**; 6 feet from non-household members to extent feasible
 - **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](#))
 - **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, 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*)
 - **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 a mask 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 organized events, including meetings of township public bodies,** allowed in **ALL Regions among no more than 10 persons** not part of the same household. **(10-person indoor gathering limit still applies in Regions 6 and 8)** Persons not part of the same household must maintain 6-feet of distance from one another, **including by designing the gathering or event to encourage and maintain social distancing.**
 - Note that this will limit what indoor events a township facility, or hall rental, can offer.
 - The limits on numbers of persons apply “to workplace gatherings and events (such as meetings and trainings), but does not apply to the incidental gathering of persons in a shared space, including an airport, bus station, factory floor, restaurant, shopping mall, public pool, or workplace.” (Section 6(b))
 - The limits on numbers of persons indoors do NOT apply to polling places (See also page 6). But the requirement for 6-foot distancing DOES apply. (Section 6(b))
 - This limit does NOT apply to aspects of law enforcement, medical, or first responder personnel not capable of being performed remotely. (Section 6(b))
 - **OUTDOOR social gatherings and organized 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-feet of distance from one another, including by designing the gathering or event to encourage and maintain social distancing.**
 - **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-feet of distance from one another, including by designing the gathering or event to encourage and maintain social distancing.**
 - Note that this will limit what outdoor events a township facility can offer.
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- **Organized Sports:** Competitive athletic activity requiring skill or physical prowess and organized by an institution or association that sets or enforces rules to ensure the physical health and safety of all participants (“sports organizer” or “sports organizers”) (Section 7)
 - Athletes while on field of play are not subject to social distancing requirements but must maintain 6 feet of distance from one another to the extent compatible with that organized sport and wear a facial covering except when swimming. Sports organizers must ensure that athletes comply for each organized event and should follow the [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidance regarding whether and how a sport can be played safely](#).
 - **Indoor organized sports competitions:** Sports organizers must ensure that the live audience is limited to up to two designated guests of each athlete, and that no concessions are sold at the venue.
 - **Outdoor organized sports competitions:** Sports organizers must ensure that the live audience is limited to either:
 - up to two designated guests of each athlete **OR**
 - up to the extent that 100 people or fewer are gathered for the event including all participants (athletes, coaches, staff, etc.)
- **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 are closed, subject to [the guidance on organized sports issued by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#).
- **Libraries and Museums** may open, subject to rules for retail stores in [2020-175](#) or any order that may follow from it.
- **After September 8, 2020, 11:59 a.m. Indoor gyms:** Indoor gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, sports facilities, exercise facilities/studios, etc. are open.
- **Public swimming pools:** Effective September 9, 2020, unless otherwise prohibited by local regulation, public swimming pools may be open in all Regions, subject to the rules in the Workplace Safeguards order ([2020-175](#) or any order that may follow from it). **In Regions 6 and 8, this applies to waterparks.**

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

- Indoor theaters, cinemas and performance venues
- 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, roller rinks, ice rinks, trampoline parks, carnivals or amusement rides, waterparks, and other similar recreational or entertainment facilities, **BUT bowling alleys, roller rinks, and ice rinks may be open for the sole purpose of serving as a venue for organized sports under Section 7--Organized Sports.**

Open in Regions 6 and 8, BUT with restrictions:

In **Regions 6 and 8**, the following are open, as long as the business or venue:

- Arranges the venue such that persons not part of the same household may maintain 6 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.
- An **indoor** theater, cinema, performance venue, gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, sports facilities, exercise facilities, exercise studios, and the like.
- **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, roller rinks, ice rinks, trampoline parks, carnival or amusement rides as defined by MCL 408.652(2), waterparks, and other similar recreational or entertainment facilities.
- Bowling alleys, roller rinks, and ice rinks.

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, **as long as the business or venue:**

- Arranges the venue such that persons not part of the same household may maintain 6 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:

- The 10-person indoor gathering limitation imposed by section 6(a)(2) does **NOT** apply to polling places. (Section 9(b)(2))
- But Section 6(a)(1) **DOES** apply, requiring persons not part of the same household to maintain 6 feet of distance from one another, including by designing the polling place to encourage and maintain social distancing.
- **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.”