



PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER



GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY POWERS

The governor's ability to declare a state of emergency after April 30th of this year was declared unconstitutional by the Michigan Supreme Court. As a result, all executive orders that have been issued under the state of emergency are unenforceable.

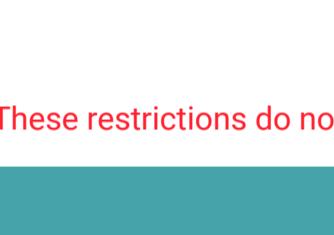
The executive orders covered a wide variety of subjects including masks and limits on social gatherings. While many of these subjects will need to be addressed, some were addressed in an emergency order issued by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

On Friday, October 9, an emergency order under the public health code was issued by the director of the MDHHS and subsequent updates to this order have taken place. Below are key parts that are pertinent to dentistry.



MASKS

Businesses, government offices, schools and other operations must not allow indoor gatherings of any kind unless they require individuals to wear a face covering. A "gathering" means any occurrence where persons from multiple households are present in a shared space in a group of two or more.



INDOOR GATHERINGS

1. Indoor gatherings are prohibited at residential venues, except where no more than ten persons from no more than two households are gathered.
2. Indoor gatherings at non-residential venues are prohibited.

*These restrictions do not apply to a dental office. Social distancing is also required at all the above.



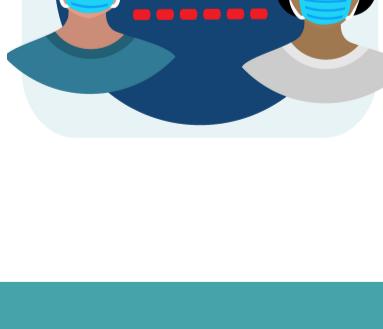
PROTECTION OF WORKERS

- Employees who are isolating or are in quarantine per CDC guidance or at the instruction of a health professional or who are awaiting results of a COVID-19 test after having symptoms, must not return to work until advised to do so by a health professional or when the following conditions are met: (1) 24 hours have passed since the resolution of fever without use of fever-reducing medications; (2) 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared or since they were administered a COVID-19 test that yielded the positive result, if applicable; and (3) other symptoms have improved.
- All businesses or operations that require their employees to gather with other persons for work must conduct a daily entry self-screening protocol for all employees entering the workplace, including at a minimum, a questionnaire covering symptoms of COVID-19 and suspected or confirmed exposure to people with possible COVID-19.

*The MDA strongly recommends that if you or an employee tests positive that you also contact your local health department to see if there are any local public health requirements and to assist with contact tracing.

CAPACITY RESTRICTIONS

Gatherings in waiting rooms at outpatient health-care facilities....are prohibited unless the facility implements a system to ensure that persons not of the same household maintain six feet of distance (this system should include a policy that patients wait in their cars for their appointment to be called, if possible).



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