

# Michigan Coronavirus Executive Orders, Executive Directives, and Dept. Orders Impacting Retail

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Order #	Short Description	Previous Order #s	Effective Dates	Amended by	Details/Notes
<a href="#">2020-160</a>  Issued 7/29/20	Amended "Safe Start" order (previously "Safer at Home"). States what activities are allowable for residents/ employees/businesses to engage in.	E.O.s # 21, 42, 59, 70, 77, 92, 96, 110, 115	3/24/20- State of emergency/ disaster ends	E.O. 2020-162	<p>Inside social gatherings of up to 10 persons, outside social gatherings of up to 100, (the gathering limits do not apply to incidental gatherings like at shopping malls, workplaces or for transportation). Retail can be open limited to 25% occupancy. Casinos could open at 15% occupancy on Aug. 5.</p> <p>Restaurants (and in-store retail seating) may open for 50% or less seating capacity that meets six feet social distancing standards. As of July 1, bars with 70%+ of sales from alcohol, dance/entertainment bar facilities must remain closed (previously issued under E.O. 143, rescinded and replaced with 160.)</p> <p><u>For Regions 6 &amp; 8:</u> Allows outdoor social gatherings of up to 250. Retail can be open with no occupancy limits (follow social distancing rules). Reopens entertainment and recreation venues including larger outdoor sporting events venues limited to 25% occupancy up to 500 people. E.O. 162 clarifies any work capable of being done remotely must be regardless of region.</p> <p><a href="#">FAQs link</a></p>
<a href="#">2020-161</a>  Issued 7/29/20	Safeguards and requirements for operating/reopening various businesses	E.O.s # 91, 97, 114, 145 (included in 42, 59, 70, & 77)	5/21/20- State of emergency/ disaster ends	NA	<p>Lists specific requirements for open businesses, retail, construction, manufacturing, offices, restaurants, health facilities, in-home services, personal care services, entertainment venues, gyms, meat and poultry processing plants, casinos, etc.</p> <p>Violating any part of the E.O. constitutes a misdemeanor, requires training and recordkeeping and all businesses/operations to provide any communication on COVID-19 in languages that are common in their employee population.</p>
<a href="#">2020-165</a>  Issued 8/7/20	Declaration of a State of Emergency related to COVID-19	E.O.s # 4, 33, 67, 68, 99, 127, 151	3/10/20- 9/4/20	NA	<p>Constitutes a state of emergency declaration under the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945. All coronavirus orders rest on this order.</p>
<a href="#">Exec. Directive 2020-8</a>  Issued 8/4/20	Enforcement of executive orders, referral of complaints to licensing entities.	NA		NA	<p>Requires state departments and agencies to allocate resources and prioritize enforcement of COVID-19-related orders. They must also consider violations of orders as evidence of whether the individual or business is suitable for licensing. "Credible complaints" must be referred to the relevant licensing authorities. Also requires the state police to enforce violations of COVID-19 executive and epidemic orders like any other violation of law.</p>

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<a href="#">MDHHS Emergency Order</a>  Issued 7/29/20	Increased civil fines for noncompliance, referral to licensing agencies for violations of executive orders	NA	7/29/20- "Until lifted"	NA	Reinforces Executive Orders 2020-153, 2020-160 and 2020-161 and allows for civil fines of up to \$1,000 and requires referral to licensing agencies for violations.  Please note MIOSHA penalties for noncompliance are up to \$7,000.
<a href="#">2020-153</a>  Issued 7/17/20	Face covering enforcement by businesses	E.O. #147	7/10/20- State of emergency/ disaster ends	NA	Requires face coverings be worn when in any indoor public space and when outdoors when unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of your household.  Businesses must post a notice about the requirement and deny entry/service to anyone not wearing a face covering unless they meet one of the listed exemptions (cannot medically tolerate a mask, children under age 5, eating or drinking at a restaurant, temporarily removing it to verify ID). Businesses may not assume that a customer cannot tolerate a face covering, though they may accept a customer's verbal representation to that effect. Must comply with the federal Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and Michigan's Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act (PWDCRA).  The order carries a misdemeanor penalty (up to a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail) and also says businesses may have their licenses suspended (including, but not limited to, liquor licenses) for noncompliance.  <a href="#">FAQs link.</a> <a href="#">MRA FAQs on mask enforcement.</a>
<a href="#">2020-166</a>  Issued 8/7/20	Protecting workers who stay home, stay safe when they or their close contacts are sick	E.O. #36	4/3/20 - State of emergency/ disaster ends	NA	Prohibits all employers from discharging, disciplining, or otherwise retaliating against an employee for staying home from work if they or one of their close contacts tests positive for COVID-19 or has symptoms of the disease (must treat as paid medical leave or unpaid leave if the employee has no paid leave). Requires quarantine periods for individuals with symptoms or exposure to someone who has tested positive or has symptoms.
<a href="#">2020-168</a>  Issued 8/10/20	Temporary safety measures for food-selling establishments and pharmacies	E.O.s # 60, 71, 109, 126, 149	4/26/20- 9/7/20	NA	Requires regular disinfecting of carts and baskets, closing self-serve prepared food stations such as salad bars, eliminating free samples and tasting stations, accommodations for vulnerable employees to lower risk positions. At least 2 hours vulnerable shopping hours each week and health screenings.  Also extends the food establishment license and registration expiration dates until 60 days after the end of the declared states of emergency and disaster.

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<a href="#">2020-76</a> Issued 5/6/20	Temporary expansions in unemployment eligibility and cost-sharing	E.O.s # 10, 24, 57	3/16/20- State of emergency/ disaster ends	E.O. 2020-100	Expands the state's workshare program, extends up to 26-weeks of unemployment benefits to workers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Who have an unanticipated family care responsibility.</li> <li>- Who are sick, quarantined, or immunocompromised and who do not have access to paid family and medical leave or are laid off.</li> <li>- Extends unemployment benefits to workers who voluntarily left a job after accepting new employment but were unable to start their new position due to the pandemic.</li> </ul> <p>Suspends the requirement for individuals seeking unemployment to request a registration and work search waiver from their employer.</p>
<a href="#">2020-157</a> Issued 7/27/20	Temporary suspension of youth work permit application requirements	E.O. # 79, 116, 140	5/11/20- 8/31/20	NA	Suspends the requirement for youth workers to get a permit in person or have it on certain colored paper, requires schools to provide info on how to get permits approved electronically.
<a href="#">2020-152</a> Issued 7/14/20	Temporary enhancements to operational capacity, flexibility, and efficiency of pharmacies	E.O.s # 25, 56, 93, 124	3/25/20- State of emergency/ disaster ends	NA	ONLY allows for the remote supervision of student pharmacists.  As of 7/15/20 previous flexibilities that allowed pharmacists to dispense 60 days refills, dispense COVID-19 treatments according to government-approved protocols, work remotely and honored out-of-state licenses were removed.
<a href="#">2020-46</a> Issued 4/13/20	Mitigating the economic harms of the COVID-19 pandemic through the creation of a spirits buyback program for restaurants and bars throughout the state	NA	4/13/20- 90 days after the state of emergency/ disaster ends	E.O. 2020-100	Offered a 100% cash buyback to on-premise liquor licensees for spirits they had ordered from MLCC prior to March 16, 2020. Licensees actually keep possession of the products the Commission bought back, with no bottles being picked up. Bars and restaurants have 90 days after emergency declarations are lifted to repurchase the inventory by selling it when they're back open for business and pay the Commission back interest free.  Eligible licensees applied for the spirits buyback program directly through the MLCC from April 14-24. Once applications were approved by the MLCC, checks were issued to licensees from the Michigan Department of Treasury. MLCC has until 90 days after the state of emergency/ disaster ends to pick up products bought back.
<a href="#">MDHHS Emergency Order</a> Issued 8/3/20	Testing of agricultural and certain food processing employees	NA	8/3/20- "Until lifted"	NA	Requires COVID-19 testing for agricultural and food processing employees including workers at greenhouses, meat, poultry, and egg processing plants and migrant and other agriculture workers who do not live on site (including H-2A workers). A plan must be in place to test all workers by Aug. 10. New workers must be tested before starting work.

## Expired/Rescinded Executive Orders

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<a href="#">2020-89</a>  Issued 5/15/20	<b>EXPIRED</b> - Enhanced restrictions on price gouging	E.O.s # 18, 53	3/20/20- <b>6/12/20</b>	NA	Prohibits a person from selling any product more than 20% higher than what was offered or charged for that product as of March 9, 2020, unless it is not an emergency supply and costs more than \$1,000.  Merchants can increase prices by more than 20% if there was an increase in cost of bringing the product to market or an extraordinary discount was in effect as of March 9, 2020.
<a href="#">2020-102</a>  Issued 5/22/20	<b>EXPIRED</b> - Temporary Relief from Standard Vapor Pressure Restrictions on Gasoline Sales	E.O. # 31	3/30/20- <b>6/30/20</b>	NA	Suspends Michigan’s Reid Vapor Pressure standards and permits the transportation and sale of gasolines with a higher Reid vapor pressure (“winter gas”) across the state through June 30. Gasoline received at retail on or before May 31 that does not meet the June 1 vapor pressure standard, may be sold through June 30, 2020.
<a href="#">2020-69</a>  Issued 4/30/20	<b>RESCINDED</b> - Temporary restrictions on the use of places of public accommodation	E.O.s # 9, 20, 43	3/16/20- <b>6/12/20</b>	E.O. 2020-100	Closes restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, and other places of public accommodation offering food or beverage for on-premises consumption.  <a href="#">FAQs link</a>
<a href="#">2020-78</a>  Issued 5/8/20	<b>EXPIRED</b> - Temporary extension of the validity of driver licenses, state identification cards, and certain vehicle registrations	E.O. # 47	4/13/20- <b>6/30/20</b>	NA	Extends both commercial and standard drivers licenses that expired from Feb 1 – June 30 and vehicle registrations that expired from March 1 – June 30 so long as the paperwork is completed by July 31. Waives penalties and requires insurance companies to accept expired licenses/ registrations.  SBs 876-878 extended renewal through 9-30-20.
<a href="#">2020-81</a>  Issued 5/11/20	<b>EXPIRED</b> - Enhanced support for deliveries	E.O.s # 12, 44	3/16/20- <b>5/25/20</b>	NA	Waived seasonal road weight restrictions and local timing/noise ordinances for deliveries of critical infrastructure goods including food.