GOVERNOR RESCINDS AND AMENDS EXECUTIVE ORDERS

August 1, 2020 – Recently, Governor Whitmer signed into place Executive Order 2020-160 and Executive Order 2020-161 as a means to combat COVID-19’s resurgence.

Executive Order 2020-160 serves as a comprehensive order governing the activities in Michigan that remain restricted on account of the pandemic, while Executive Order 2020-161 provides revisions and amendments to Executive Orders 2020-91, 2020-97, 2020-114, 2020-145 to include casinos and racetracks in the business workplace standards to keep Michigan employees safe.

The Executive Order (EO) 2020-160 outlines the following for Region 6 ( Traverse City Region) and Region 8 (Upper Peninsula Region):

• Indoor social gathers or organized events are limited to 10 people or less.
• Outdoor social gatherings or organized events are limited to 250 people or less.
• Bars or food establishments that earn more than 70% of their gross receipts from sales of alcoholic beverages must be closed for indoor services.
• 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 ONLY IF:
  o Persons not from the same household can maintain six feet of distance from one another while in the venue
  o The number of people in the venue is limited to 25% of maximum capacity or 250 people, whichever is smaller. Each separate auditorium or screening room is considered a separate venue.
• Outdoor concert space, racetrack, sports arena, stadium, or similar outdoor venue may be open to spectators or patrons ONLY IF:
  o Persons not from the same household can maintain six feet of distance from one another while in the venue
  o The number of people in the venue is limited to 25% of its maximum capacity or to 500 people, whichever is smaller.

EO 2020-160 outlines the following for Regions 1-5 and 7:

• Indoor social gathers or organized events are limited to 10 people or less.
• Outdoor social gatherings or organized events are limited to 100 people or less.
• Bars or food establishments that earn more than 70% of their gross receipts from sales of alcoholic beverages must be closed for indoor services.
• The following places are closed to entry, use, and occupancy by members of the public: Indoor theaters, cinemas, and performance venues; Indoor gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, sports facilities, exercise facilities, exercise studios, and the like; Millionaire parties licensed by the Michigan Gaming Control Board; Until August 5, 2020 at 10:00 AM, casinos licensed by the Michigan Gaming Control Board and racetracks licensed by the Michigan Gaming Control Board. After such time, such establishments may operate, subject to the rules on workplace safeguards described in Executive Order 2020-161 or any order that may follow from it; 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, carnival or amusement rides as defined by MCL 408.652(2), water parks, and other similar recreational or entertainment facilities.

**Exceptions** to EO 160 include:
- If they are outdoors, 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;
- Services necessary for medical treatment as determined by a licensed medical provider;
- Health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities;
- Crisis shelters or similar institutions;
- Food courts inside the secured zones of airports; and
- Employees, contractors, vendors, or suppliers who enter, use, or occupy the places described in section 4 of the Executive Order in their professional capacity

“It is important that everyone please continue to follow the guidance of social distancing and masking to prevent COVID-19 from creeping back up,” stated Kevin Hughes, Health Officer for DHD#10. “The last thing we all want is for businesses and activities to be restricted again because we didn’t adhere to simple prevention measures.”

Read the complete Executive Order [2020-160](#) and [2020-161](#) for all the details.


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