

Restaurant Owners/Managers,

We would like to thank you for your continued cooperation and provide you with some newer information. Feel free to reach out to our office if you have any questions or concerns. We wanted to share new/updated FAQs from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) about masks and social distancing. You can click on the links below for more information.

**New FAQ: [Should employees in retail food and food production settings wear face coverings to prevent exposure to COVID-19?](#)**

On April 3, the CDC released an updated [recommendation](#) regarding the use of cloth face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19. CDC recommends the use of simple cloth face coverings as a voluntary public health measure in public settings (in addition to social distancing). For workers in food service settings, consider the following if you choose to use a cloth face covering to slow the spread of COVID-19:

- Maintain face coverings in accordance with parameters in [FDA's Model Food Code](#) sections 4-801.11 (use clean linens) and 4.802.11 (specifications for when to wash).
- Launder reusable face coverings before each daily use.
- CDC also has [additional information on the use of face coverings](#) including washing instructions and information on how to make homemade face covers.

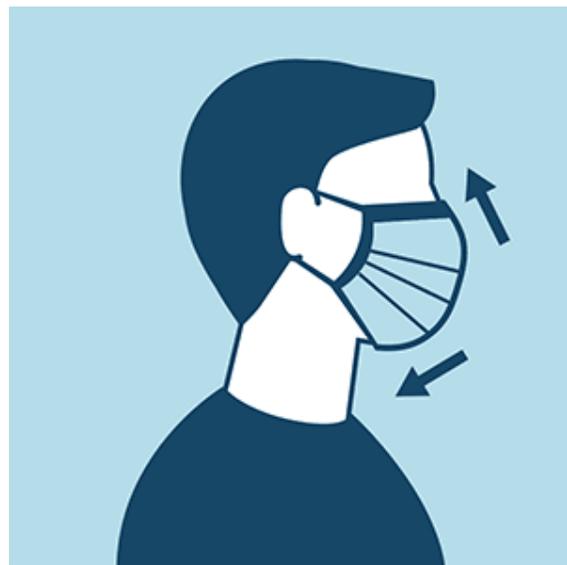
NOTE: The cloth face coverings recommended by CDC are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

**Why is this being recommended now?**

As we learn more about COVID-19, sometimes recommendations change. There is increasing evidence that people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus, and that droplets produced when breathing, speaking, or singing may spread COVID-19 from person to person.

This evidence informed the decision to recommend face coverings. The use of face coverings is one simpler tool that may help reduce the spread of the virus – especially from people who are infected and don't know it yet.

The face coverings are intended to protect others from you in case you may be spreading virus. It is not meant to protect you from others



## What is a face covering

- A face covering is any well-secured cloth (like a bandana or scarf) that covers your mouth and nose.
- A face covering is different from a surgical or N95 mask which must be reserved for healthcare workers.

[Click the buttons below for instructions on making your own cloth face covering.](#)

[U.S. Attorney General directions to make your own face covering](#)

[Sew and No Sew Instructions for cloth face covering from the CDC](#)



### Face Covering Do's and Don'ts:

**DO:**

- ✓ Make sure you can breathe through it
- ✓ Wear it whenever going out in public
- ✓ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth
- ✓ Wash after using

**DON'T:**

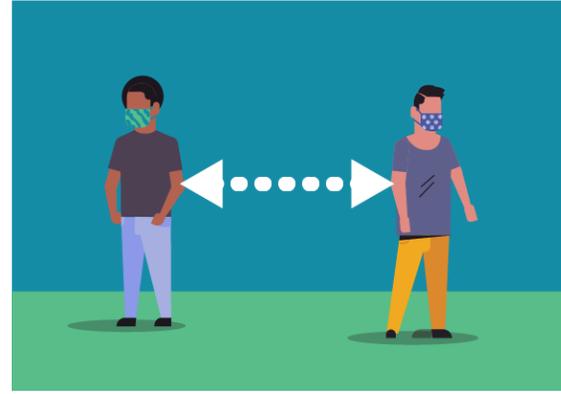
- ✗ Use if under two years old
- ✗ Use surgical masks or other PPE intended for healthcare workers

 [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Updated FAQ: [How do I maintain social distancing in my food production/processing facility and food retail establishment where employees typically work within close distances?](#)

To prevent spread of COVID-19, CDC is recommending individuals maintain approximately 6

feet from others, when possible. In food service establishments, identify and implement changes that increase employee separation; however, social distancing to the full 6 feet will not be possible in some food facilities. When it's impractical for employees in these settings to maintain social distancing, effective hygiene practices should be maintained to reduce the chance of spreading the virus.



**IMPORTANT:** Maintaining social distancing in the absence of effective hygiene practices may not prevent the spread of this virus. Food facilities should be vigilant in their hygiene practices, including **frequent and proper hand-washing and routine cleaning of all surfaces.**

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Food Service Licenses expire April 30, 2020.

Our office is accepting applications for 2020-21 Food Service Licenses via mail and pay by phone.

Due to special circumstances surrounding the Corona pandemic, we will waive late fees until June 30, 2020

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mid-Michigan District Health Department is restricting access to our buildings, in an effort to protect clients and staff.

We are accepting water samples.

Call the appropriate branch office number below to make an appointment:

Clinton Branch Office  
989-227-3110

Gratiot Branch Office  
989-875-1002

Stanton Branch Office  
989-831-3603

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### Questions About COVID-19?



Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136,  
7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Email [COVID19@michigan.gov](mailto:COVID19@michigan.gov) 24/7. Emails  
will be answered 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

