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Governor Whitmer Signs Executive Order Temporarily Closing Bars, Theaters, Casinos, and Other Public Spaces; Limiting Restaurants to Delivery and Carry-Out Orders

LANSING, Mich. -- Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-9, which temporarily closes theaters, bars, and casinos, and limits restaurants to carry-out and delivery orders.

Under Executive Order 2020-9, effective Monday, March 16 at 3:00pm, the following places of public accommodation will be closed; restaurants, cafes, coffee houses, bars, taverns, brewpubs, distilleries, clubs, movie theaters, indoor and outdoor performance venues, gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios, spas, and casinos.

This order does not restrict a place of business from offering food and beverage using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service. Places of public accommodation are encouraged to do so and use precautions to mitigate potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing. Restaurants may allow five people inside at a time to pick up orders, so long as they stay six feet apart from each other.

These restrictions do not apply to the following locations: office buildings, grocery stores, markets, food pantries, pharmacies, drug stores, and providers of medical equipment and supplies, health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities, warehouse and distribution centers, and industrial and manufacturing facilities.

Order restrictions will remain in place until Monday, March 30 at 11:59 pm.

"This disease is a challenge unlike any we've experienced in our lifetimes," said Governor Whitmer. "Fighting it will cause significant but temporary changes to our daily lives. By practicing social distancing and taking aggressive action now, the state is working to mitigate the spread of coronavirus so we reduce the risk that our health care system becomes overwhelmed. This is about saving lives. Michiganders are tough and we are going to get through this, but it will require everyone doing their part. That means

making smart choices and not putting yourself or others at risk by going out in public unless it is absolutely necessary.”

“We need to move quickly to slow the spread of the virus and protect public health,” said **Dr. Joneigh Khaldun**. “I realize these actions will present temporary changes to the way we live, but they are critical to help ensure our health care system is prepared to treat those who need the most urgent medical care.”

“This crisis will require business and labor working together to ensure that we are putting the best interests of Michiganders first in order to protect public health,” said **Jeff Donofrio**, Director of the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. “We understand that these decisions will impact the way we do business, but the decisions we make now will allow us to get our economy back on track sooner rather than later. We are putting measures in place to help protect the employers, employees, and individuals that will be impacted.”

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Governors across the United States have begun implementing similar measures in their states, including Jay Inslee (D-WA), Charlie Baker (R-MA), and Tom Wolf (D-PA).

Patients with confirmed infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

The best prevention for viruses, such as influenza, the common cold or COVID-19 is to:

- If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19, call your health care provider. If you do not have a health care provider, call the nearest hospital.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home, and avoid contact with others.
- Replace handshakes with elbow bumps.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others when in a public setting.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

To view executive order 2020-9, click the link below:

- [EO 2020-9.pdf](#)

This press release will be translated and made available in Arabic and Spanish at www.michigan.gov/whitmer.

Cleaning VS. Sanitizing

There's a big difference between cleaning and sanitizing. Cleaning removes food and other types of soil from a surface such as a countertop or plate. Sanitizing reduces the number of pathogens on the clean surface to safe levels. To be effective, cleaning and sanitizing must be a 5-step process.



- 1** SCRAPE OR REMOVE FOOD FROM THE SURFACE
- 2** WASH THE SURFACE
- 3** RINSE THE SURFACE
- 4** SANITIZE THE SURFACE
- 5** ALLOW THE SURFACE TO AIR DRY

WHEN TO CLEAN & SANITIZE

Everything in your operation must be kept clean, but any surface that comes into contact with food must be cleaned AND sanitized. These surfaces must be washed, rinsed, and sanitized:

- Each time you use them.
- When you are interrupted during a task.
- After handling different raw TCS fruits and vegetables.
- When you begin working with a different type of food.
- As often as possible, but at least every four hours if items are in constant use.

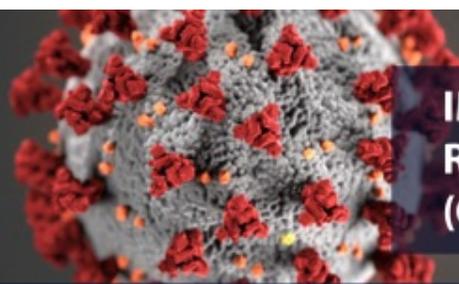
For more information and resources on food safety, visit:

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Michigan.gov/Coronavirus

WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN WITH SOAP and warm water for at least 20 seconds.

How does COVID-19 spread?

- Coughing and sneezing without proper cover.
- Close personal contact (within six feet of a laboratory confirmed person).
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose or eyes.

Symptoms

People who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 have reported fever, cough and difficulty breathing. These symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

How do I help prevent the spread of illnesses?

- Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What about facemasks?

- CDC does not recommend that healthy people wear a facemask.
- Facemasks should be worn by healthcare workers and people taking care of someone with COVID-19.
- If you are sick with respiratory illness and visit a healthcare provider, you may be asked to wear a facemask during your visit.

For food establishments:

- Employees who are sick or showing respiratory symptoms should not work until they are symptom free.
- Make sure alcohol-based hand sanitizers and extra napkins/tissues are available for customers to use.
- Continue to regularly clean and sanitize any objects or surfaces, with special attention to surfaces that may have been touched by an ill worker or customer.
- Follow safe food handling requirements, including handwashing with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds.

What about my food?

The Food and Drug Administration isn't aware of any reports of human illnesses transmitted by food or food packaging. It is always important to follow good hygiene practices, i.e., wash hands and surfaces often, separate raw meat from other foods, cook to the right temperature, and refrigerate foods promptly, when handling or preparing foods.

What about my pets?

There is no evidence that companion animals including pets can spread COVID-19. However, since animals can spread other diseases to people, it's always a good idea to wash your hands with soap after being around animals. Restrict contact with pets and other animals while you are sick with COVID-19, just like you would around other people.

WHEN IN DOUBT, WASH YOUR HANDS!
Handwashing is your best defense against illness.



For more information, visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus or CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

For additional information concerning COVID-19 click on the links below

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

Washing your hands is easy, and it's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. Studies have shown that hand washing can prevent 1 in 3 diarrhea-related sicknesses and 1 in 5 respiratory infections, such as a cold or the flu.

Follow these five steps every time.

1. **Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. **Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
4. **Rinse** your hands well under clean, running water.
5. **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or air dry them

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[Cleaning vs Sanitizing](#)

[Important Information Regarding Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

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