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COVID-19 NOVEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 9, 2020 EPIDEMIC ORDER

Governor Whitmer and the Department of Health and Human Services have issued an epidemic order to help us slow the spread of COVID-19 and save lives. The purpose of this order is to protect our families, frontline workers, and small businesses from this virus. This order takes effect Wednesday, November 18, 2020 and will be in effect for 3 weeks. State officials will continuously monitor data during this time to determine next steps. Public health experts are warning Americans everywhere to limit indoor gatherings to save lives. This new epidemic order is geared toward stopping the spread by limiting indoor gatherings where COVID-19 can easily spread from person to person.



For more information about social gatherings, visit: Michigan.gov/Coronavirus. Questions or concerns can be emailed to: COVID19@michigan.gov.

These steps are what the public health experts say we must take to avoid overwhelmed hospitals and death counts like we saw this spring. The rapid spread of this virus requires that we take this aggressive action now to save lives in the future. Getting this health crisis under control is essential to getting the economic crisis under control. The health of our families and the health of our economy are linked, and we can't protect our economy without beating this virus. Doing this will also protect the medical workers, first responders, and other essential workers putting their lives on the line to protect us. We all have a personal responsibility to follow these laws and to do everything in our power to protect one another.



COVID-19 SOCIAL GATHERING GUIDANCE - PAUSE TO SAVE LIVES

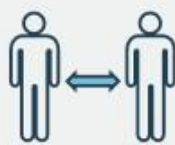
Socializing with family or friends may feel safe, but it is risky – especially with COVID everywhere in Michigan today.

To reduce risk, follow these guidelines:

- ◆ Pick only one other household to see over the next three weeks. Even better, form a consistent social pod.
- ◆ Choose a household that is also being careful. If anyone in either group feels sick, postpone the gathering.
- ◆ Limit duration indoors. The longer the visit, the greater the risk.
- ◆ Follow the rules below as much as possible:



Wear a mask – only take it off when you eat or drink, then put it back on.



Stay six feet apart.



Keep voices down and avoid shouting or cheering.



Do not share utensils.

AFTER A GATHERING, MONITOR YOURSELF FOR SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19. IF ANYONE IN THE GROUP FEELS SICK, GET TESTED.