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EMERGENCY ORDER FOR CONTROL OF PANDEMIC

This Order is made pursuant to Section 2453 of the Public Health Code, being MCL 333.2453.

Matters concerning the public health of the residents of Kent County have been brought to the attention of the Kent County Health Officer. The Health Officer has determined that control of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic is necessary to protect the public health of Kent County based on the following facts:

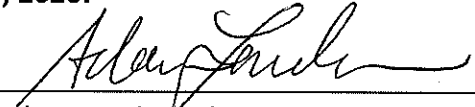
1. A biological agent or the effects of a biological agent have been detected within **Kent County**.
2. A communicable disease named **COVID-19** and caused by a novel coronavirus has been identified that can be transmitted from person to person.
3. In order to control and limit the spread of the communicable disease, it is necessary to prevent infected people from coming into contact with uninfected people.

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has encouraged Americans to practice “social distancing” measures. Social distancing is a conscious effort to reduce close contact between people to slow community transmission of the virus. This Order reduces occupancy load for Food Service Establishments, Entertainment Venues and physical fitness centers by 50% excluding employees. It is hereby ordered that:

1. Each Food Service Establishment approved for Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development licensure by Kent County Health Department shall reduce its occupancy load by 50% excluding employees.
 - a. Food Service Establishments include but not limited to restaurants, bars, church dining halls, schools, carryout, catering, country clubs, banquet halls, fraternal organizations
 - b. Excluded from this order: Healthcare facilities, long term care, and grocery stores
2. Entertainment Venues and physical fitness centers shall reduce occupancy load by 50% excluding employees.

- a. Entertainment Venues include but are not limited to theaters, auditoriums, concerts, conferences, sporting events, gaming establishments, and trampoline parks.
3. The contents of this Order shall be published to the members of the public at large by all reasonable means available.
4. The Health Officer can authorize citations and may seek an order from the circuit or district court to compel compliance.
5. This Order shall become effective at **10:00 a.m. on March 16, 2020** and shall be effective until **11:59 p.m. on April 5, 2020**.

Dated: 3/15/2020



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