

# MDHHS EPIDEMIC ORDER DEC. 18



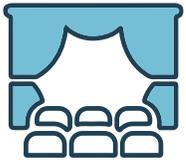
## Limits on attendance at residential gatherings.

INDOORS: UP TO 10 PERSONS FROM 2 HOUSEHOLDS  
OUTDOORS: UP TO 25 PERSONS FROM 3 HOUSEHOLDS

- Face masks are required at all times, unless eating or drinking.
- Residents should follow MDHHS [guidelines for safe social gatherings](#) and are encouraged to form a “pod” of people to socialize with consistently.

## Limits on attendance at non-residential venues.

### INDOORS



- Indoor gatherings are not permitted at non-residential venues, except for a small number of specific exemptions, like workplaces, or when a customer and an employee are gathered so the customer can receive a service.
- However, most venues are still open for individuals or single households.
  - Everyone must wear a face mask.
  - Venues must be set up to maintain 6 feet of physical distancing between households.
  - Specific capacity limits apply based on the venue.

### OUTDOORS



- Outdoor gatherings up to 25 persons occurring at non-residential venues are permitted as follows:
  - FOR FIXED SEATING: limit attendance to 20% of seating capacity.
  - WITHOUT FIXED SEATING: limit attendance to 20 persons per 1,000 square feet, including within any distinct area within the event space.
  - Everyone must wear a face mask.

“Gathering” means any occurrence where two or more persons from more than one household are present in a shared space. Incidental, temporary gatherings (such as at a store, airport, or food service establishment) are excepted.

## Face masks are still required.



Businesses, government offices, schools, child care organizations, operators of public transit, and all other gathering organizers must not allow indoor or outdoor gatherings of any kind unless they require individuals to wear a face mask. These entities may not assume that someone who enters the business without a face mask falls in one of the exceptions; but may accept an individual’s verbal representation that they are not wearing a face mask because they fall within a specified exception.

## Retail and personal services

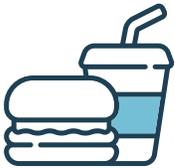


- Gatherings at a retail store, library or museum, may not exceed 30% of total occupancy limits. Spaces for indoor dining, including food courts, must be closed.
- Gatherings to receive personal care services, including hair, nail, tanning, massage, spa, tattoo, body art, and piercing services are permitted by appointment, so long as the service does not require the removal of a face mask.



## Recreation and entertainment

- The following recreation and entertainment venues are open for enjoyment by individuals or single households of up to 6 persons: auditoriums; arenas; cinemas; concert halls; performance venues; sporting venues; stadiums; theaters; archery ranges; amusement parks; arcades; bingo halls; bowling alleys; non-tribal casinos; and gun ranges.
  - FOR FIXED SEATING: limit attendance to 20% of seating capacity.
  - WITHOUT FIXED SEATING: limit attendance to 20 persons per 1,000 square feet, including within any distinct area within the event space.
  - Food and drinks are not permitted to be sold or consumed.
  - Everyone must remain masked at all times.
  - Households must be spaced 6 feet apart.
  - Total occupancy in each room is limited to 100 persons, except for stadiums and arenas, which are capped at 250.
- Gatherings are not permitted at higher risk venues like laser tag; night clubs; strip clubs; water parks; and trampoline parks.



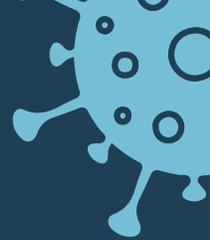
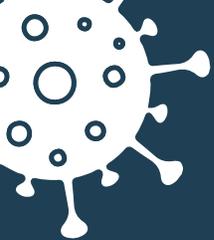
## Food service

- Indoor dining at restaurants and bars is not permitted. This includes dining inside most covered patios, balconies, tents, and other structures, unless they are mostly open to the air. See the [Outdoor Seating Infographic](#) for more details.
- Food service for takeout and delivery is permitted.
- Outdoor dining is permitted so long as no more than 6 persons are seated at each table and tables are spaced 6 feet apart.
- Dining in an igloo, hut, or small tent is permitted so long as there is only one household inside.



## Exercise, fitness, and sports

- Gatherings are permitted for outdoor group fitness classes and activities, and outdoor non-contact sports.
- Gatherings are not permitted for indoor group fitness activities like yoga, dance, cycling, and gymnastics, nor for high-contact indoor exercise or recreation like trampoline parks and water parks.
- Individual exercise and 1:1 training is permitted at gymnasiums, fitness centers, and exercise studios.
  - Attendance must not exceed 25% of the total occupancy limits.
  - There must be at least 12 feet of distance between each occupied workout station.
- Individual exercise, 1:1 training, and swimming lessons are permitted at indoor and outdoor pools.
  - Attendance must not exceed 25% of capacity limits.
  - Family pool areas, water parks, and other unstructured play areas may not be open.
- Individual exercise and 1:1 training is permitted at roller and ice rinks.
  - Attendance must not exceed 2 persons per 1,000 square feet (approximately 34 people on the ice at once on a typically sized rink).
  - Open/group skate and non-contact sports are permitted at outdoor rinks.
- Indoor sports and contact sports, including high school and college sports; club sports; children, youth, and adult recreational leagues; and charity tournaments and events; are not permitted unless they can show compliance with the [enhanced testing regimen and infection control guidelines](#), which requires 6 days per week of testing, no social contact of any kind by athletes outside of their teammates and household members, and supervision by team medical staff.



# 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. **It's best to only get together outside.** If you must gather indoors, you may only see one other household at a time.

### 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.

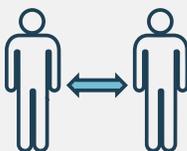
**Gather outdoors if you can.** It is much safer to see others outside than inside.

**Limit duration indoors.** The longer the visit, the greater the risk.

### Follow these rules 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.**

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

# DEC. 18 ORDER: GATHERING GUIDELINES

## Open



Two-household gathering  
(high precautions)\*



Public transit



Funerals  
(25 people)



Small outdoor gatherings  
(25 people)



Hair salons, barber shops,  
other personal services



Health care



Retail



Gyms, pools, roller and ice  
rinks (for individual exercise)



Theaters, movie theaters,  
stadiums, arenas



Preschool through 12th  
grade (local district choice)



Restaurants and bars  
(outdoor dining, takeout,  
and delivery)



Bowling centers



Childcare



Professional sports\*\*



Bingo halls, casinos, arcades



Manufacturing, construction,  
other work that is impossible  
to do remotely, including  
technical education



Parks and outdoor  
recreation



Outdoor group fitness  
classes and non-contact  
sports

\*See Social Gathering Guidance.  
\*\*Includes a limited number of NCAA sports.

## Not open



Workplaces, when work can  
be done from home



Restaurants and bars  
(indoor dining)



Night clubs



Indoor sports &  
contact sports, except  
professional sports



Trampoline parks,  
water parks



Indoor group fitness classes