



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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October 15, 2020

Dear Licensee,

The Charitable Gaming Division issued a letter on August 11, 2020, providing guidance on the maximum number of attendees at bingo events under Executive Order 2020-160. The maximum number of attendees at bingo events is now governed by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Order [Gathering Prohibition and Face Covering Order](#) issued October 9, 2020.

Effective immediately and continuing through October 30, 2020:

- Indoor Gatherings. Under Section 2(b) of the Emergency Order, attendance at indoor gatherings of more than 10 people cannot exceed:
 - 20% of seating capacity (or 25% of seating capacity in Region 6) at venues with fixed seating;
 - 20 people per 1,000 square feet in each occupied room (or 25 people per 1,000 square feet in each occupied room in Region 6) at venues without fixed seating; or
 - 500 people regardless of venue size, seating, or region.
- Outdoor Gatherings. Under Section 2(b) of the Emergency Order, attendance at outdoor gatherings of more than 100 people cannot exceed:
 - 30% of seating capacity at venues with fixed seating;
 - 30 people per 1,000 square feet of distinct event space at venues without fixed seating; or
 - 1,000 people regardless of venue size or seating.
- Bingo Halls. The maximum attendance for indoor and outdoor gatherings described above also apply to bingo halls. Additionally, under Section 9 of the Emergency Order, bingo hall operators must maintain accurate records for purposes of contact tracing.

Under Section 2(b) of the Emergency Order, workers, staff, and volunteers must be counted towards the maximum attendance for indoor and outdoor gatherings. Under Section 5, each person at an indoor or outdoor gathering described above must wear a face covering.

We urge licensees to review all requirements of the [Emergency Order](#) and to routinely check for additional Orders issued by MDHHS at: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>. Licensees must comply with all current and future MDHHS Orders. Failure to comply with MDHHS Orders may be considered a violation of the conditions of licensure and result in suspension or revocation of your license, or other action.

We recognize the important work performed by nonprofit organizations everyday across Michigan, and we hope to work with you in finding new ways to fundraise through charitable gaming consistent with public-safety concerns. For example, licensees may find it easier to maintain social distancing by holding outdoor bingos during which participants remain in their vehicles. If your organization is interested, please contact your local inspector, or call 517-335-5780 for more information.

Sincerely,

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