

COVID-19

# MDHHS EPIDEMIC ORDER OCT. 29

MDHHS has issued orders under a law first enacted by the Michigan Legislature after the Spanish Flu of 1918 specifically to deal with epidemics. Note that the Supreme Court struck down a different, broader law.

## Under MDHHS's epidemic order:



**1** **Masks** must be worn over nose and mouth in gatherings of two or more people, including stores, offices, schools and events. Businesses cannot admit people without masks, with few exceptions.



**4** **Organized sports** require masks (except for swimming) and have gathering limits.



**2** **Capacity** limits apply to indoor and outdoor gatherings, including business, social and recreational settings. **They're stricter inside.**



**5** **Employees** who can work from home must do so.



**3** **Restaurants and bars** must limit capacity for gatherings, **may only seat six people per table**, may only serve alcohol to parties who are seated, and must keep tables six feet apart.



**6** **Contact tracing:** Many businesses, **including bars and restaurants**, must collect phone numbers from their customers so they can be contacted in case they are exposed to someone who is ill.

**All regions are in Phase 4 of reopening. The same rules now apply to all of Michigan.**

To read the complete MDHHS Oct. 29, 2020, Epidemic Order, visit [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus). Questions or concerns can be emailed to [COVID19@michigan.gov](mailto:COVID19@michigan.gov).