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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent
P-20 System and Student Transitions 

SUBJECT: Office of Career and Technical Education Instructional Delivery Guidance for Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253 – Gatherings and Face Mask Order - MEMO #COVID-19-143

In response to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) [Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253 – Gatherings and Face Mask Order](#) and [FAQ](#) effective December 7, 2020, Michigan Department of Education's Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) is providing instructional delivery guidance for career and technical education (CTE) directly run by intermediate school districts (ISDs) and local education agencies (LEAs).

LEAs, both traditional public school districts and public school academies operating career and technical education programs, should continue to work with their career education planning district (CEPD) directors, consortium partners, and postsecondary partners to deliver these programs.

This guidance memo will be posted to the [OCTE website](#) under COVID-19 Career and Technical Education 2020-2021. For questions regarding this memo, please contact Dr. Jill Kroll, CTE supervisor, at krollj1@michigan.gov.

The italicized emergency procedures listed below were taken directly from MDHHS's [Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253 – Gatherings and Face Mask Order](#) MDE - OCTE's guidance regarding these emergency procedures immediately follows.

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MDHHS Emergency Procedure 5.e: *Gatherings at colleges and universities, trade schools, and career schools are prohibited for the purpose of holding in-person classes, extracurricular events, or other events, except as permitted in sections 2, 5(f), 5(g), and 6 of this order.*

As these exceptions pertain to K-12 instruction:

MDE – OCTE Guidance: **Career schools** include secondary career and technical education programs held at high schools, county technical campuses, and contracted CTE programs.

MDHHS Emergency Procedure 5.f: *Gatherings at trade schools and career schools are permitted for the purpose of providing **technical education services**, including manufacturing, industrial technology, trades, and cosmetology, but only to the extent that these activities cannot be completed remotely.*

MDE – OCTE Guidance: May only provide **technical education services** about the specific instructional standards, laboratory skills, and work-based learning experiences that must be hands-on and cannot be delivered remotely in all 17 career clusters.

MDHHS Emergency Procedure 5.g: *Gatherings at public and nonpublic schools for the purpose of delivering career and technical education services to pupils in grades 9 through 12 are permitted, but only to the extent that these activities are necessary to complete requirements for a **recognized postsecondary credential** and only to the extent that these activities cannot be completed remotely.*

MDE – OCTE Guidance: These credentials include the approved [Perkins V 5S1 Recognized Post-Secondary Credentials](#), as well as any locally recognized postsecondary credentials.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors