EMERGENCY ORDER FOR CONTROL OF PANDEMIC

This Order is made pursuant to Section 2453 of Michigan’s Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.2453). On Friday March 13, 2020 Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order No. 2020-5 that placed a temporary prohibition on large assemblages and events, and temporary school closures continuing through April 5, 2020 at 5:00 pm. All assemblages of more than 250 people in a single shared space and all events of more than 250 people are prohibited by Executive Order No. 2020-5, except for assemblages for the purpose of: industrial or manufacturing work; mass transit; or the purchase of groceries or consumer goods. Consistent with MCL 10.33 and MCL 30.405(3), a willful violation of Executive Order No. 2020-5 shall constitute a misdemeanor.

The Local Health Officer has determined that additional restrictions are necessary to control the Coronavirus pandemic and to protect the public health of Ingham County based on the following:

1. A communicable disease, Coronavirus, which causes COVID-19 has been identified within Ingham County that can be transmitted from person to person.
2. In order to control and limit the spread of the Coronavirus, it is necessary to prevent and limit infected people from encountering uninfected people.
3. U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention encourages "social distancing" measures. Social distancing is a conscious effort to reduce close contact between people to slow community transmission of the virus.
4. This Order reduces occupancy load for facilities with a Food License in Ingham County issued under Michigan’s Food Law, 2000 PA 92 (MCL 289.1101 et seq.).

It is hereby ordered that:

Each facility with a Food License in Ingham County issued under Michigan’s Food Law, 2000 PA 92 (MCL 289.1101 et seq.) will reduce its occupancy load by 50%, excluding employees. This Order will cap capacity at 50% of the current allowed capacity or the limit of 250 people, whichever is less, as required by Executive Order No. 2020-5. Healthcare facilities, long term care facilities, and grocery stores are excluded from this Order. The contents of this Order will be published to the members of the public at large by all reasonable means available. This Order will become effective on March 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm continuing through April 5, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully,

Linda Vail, Health Officer
Ingham County Health Department

Date

3/15/2020