



**INGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing, MI 48911**

**EMERGENCY ORDER UNDER MCL 333.2453 (Ingham2020-19) FOR
CONTROL OF PANDEMIC**

Emergency Order (Ingham2020-18) imposed similar restrictions and requirements. With this order, Emergency Order Ingham2020-18 is rescinded. This order imposes substantially identical restrictions and requirements.

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person. There is currently no approved vaccine for this disease.

Michigan and Ingham County are under states of emergency due to the pandemic. At the local level, Ingham County Health Officer Linda S. Vail has issued emergency orders to limit restaurant capacity and restrict the size of outdoor gatherings in sections of East Lansing with a history of noise violations. Additionally, the Ingham County Health Department has issued a recommended self-quarantine for all Michigan State University students residing in the community.

Despite these efforts, since September 1 Ingham County's progress in suppressing the pandemic has begun to erode. Daily case counts in Ingham County have surged. Two thirds of all Ingham County cases since the pandemic started were reported in just the past three weeks. Ingham County has experienced a 63 percent increase in total case count since September 1. The city of East Lansing has experienced a 315 percent increase in total case count since September 1. This upsurge in cases is driven almost entirely by an outbreak among Michigan State University students to whom 80 percent of all new cases can be directly attributed. Currently, there are 252 cases per million in Ingham County. This exceeds the state's maximum indicator threshold for risk to the community. The threshold for "very high risk" on the MI Safe Start Map is 70 cases per million, a threshold Ingham County has surpassed by 360 percent. To protect the public health, immediate and aggressive action is required. Through case investigation, the Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) has identified congregate housing in the city of East Lansing as a risk factor for COVID-19. The health department continues to identify large houses with known cases or exposure to COVID-19.

The Local Health Officer has determined that individuals living in houses with large numbers of unrelated people where there are known cases or exposure are at high risk for COVID-19. Therefore, 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, novel Coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, has been identified within Ingham County and 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 states "Quarantine is used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others. Quarantine helps

prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms.”

It is hereby ordered that people residing at the addresses listed in Attachment 1, which will be hosted on the ICHD website and updated as needed, must quarantine for 14 days immediately upon notice. While under mandatory quarantine, residents must:

- Remain in their residence unless they need medical care or necessities that cannot be delivered. Those who leave the property must wear a face covering at all times and maintain 6 feet physical distancing from others at all times.
- Separate themselves from others in the residence as much as possible.
- Wear face coverings when in any common areas of the residence at all times.
- Maintain 6 feet physical distancing from others in the residence at all times.
- Prohibit people who do not reside in the residence from entering the residence unless they are providing an essential service deemed necessary for the immediate health and safety of the residents.
- Answer or return phone calls and text messages from ICHD staff or the University Physician’s Office within two business hours.
- Cooperate fully with all questions asked by ICHD staff or the University Physician’s Office to ensure immediate contact tracing can occur.
- Allow health department staff or their designees on their premises, for random checks for compliance, if deemed necessary.
- Wash their hands often and practice good hygiene methods.
- Take their temperature twice daily, once in the morning and once at night.
- Inform ICHD or the University Physician’s Office if they become ill.
- Prominently display the notice of mandatory quarantine (Attachment 2) on exterior entrances to the property.

Violations or refusals to comply with this quarantine order will be referred to Ingham County Circuit Court with a request for appropriate remedies as follows: Consistent with MCL 333.2261 and 764.15(1), willful violation of this order constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or a fine of not more than \$200, or both. An individual may be arrested if violation occurs in the presence of a police officer, or the police officer has reasonable cause to believe individual has violated a rule or order. Violations or refusals to comply will additionally be referred to Michigan State University when applicable.

The contents of this Order will be published to the members of the public at large by all reasonable means available. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until lifted.

Respectfully,



Linda S. Vail, Health Officer
Ingham County Health Department

09/17/2020
Date

ATTACHMENT 1
A LIST OF PROPERTIES UNDER MANDATORY QUARANTINE

For a list of properties under mandatory quarantine, please see:

<http://www.hd.ingham.org/Portals/HD/Home/Documents/cd/coronavirus/EO2020-19Attachment1.pdf>

This list will be updated as needed at any time.

NOTICE OF MANDATORY QUARANTINE

BY ORDER OF THE INGHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

This property is under mandatory quarantine due to exposure to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) effective immediately through 11:59 p.m. on _____.

It is a violation of Emergency Order Ingham2020-19 under MCL 333.2453 to enter the premises unless this is your residence or you are providing an essential service deemed necessary for the immediate health and safety of the residents.

This notice must be posted on the property's entrance the quarantine has ended.



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