



## EMERGENCY ORDER (LENAWEE 2020-15) IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

### ADDITIONAL LIMITS ON SOCIAL GATHERINGS AND ORGANIZED EVENTS OCCURRING UNDER APPLICABLE EXECUTIVE ORDERS WITHIN ADRIAN TOWNSHIP, MADISON TOWNSHIP, THE CITY OF ADRIAN, MICHIGAN AND OTHER COLLEGE OWNED/CONTROLLED PROPERTIES

The Lenawee County Health Department Local Health Officer issues this Order (Lenawee 2020-15) pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.2453 as it has been determined that it is necessary to protect the public health from further spread of COVID-19 within Lenawee County.

The novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, which causes the respiratory disease COVID-19, can result in serious illness or death. SARS-CoV-2 is a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spreads from person to person. There is currently no approved vaccine or antiviral treatment for this disease. On March 10, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services identified the first two presumptive-positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan. On that same day, Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-4 declaring a state of emergency across the state of Michigan.

In response to the widespread and severe health, economic, and social harms posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-33 on April 1, 2020. This order declared both a state of emergency and a state of disaster across the state of Michigan. Governor Whitmer has reissued the declaration of emergency on several occasions considering the continuing threat posed by the pandemic.

On July 17, 2020, Governor Whitmer issued [Executive Order 2020-153](#) strengthening requirements for wearing masks, including when outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their household. On July 29, 2020, Governor Whitmer issued [Executive Order 2020-160](#) (Amended Safe Start Order), which extended restrictions crucial to addressing the pandemic, including limits on social gatherings and organized events. EO 2020-160 limits outdoor social gatherings and organized events to 100 persons, with further direction that these events must be designed to ensure that individuals not from the same household maintain social distance of at least 6 feet.

Lenawee County has reported a total of 524 confirmed cases of COVID-19 to date. In the month of August, there has been a 182% increase in confirmed COVID cases among 18-24 year olds in Lenawee County; this is compared to a 51% increase among all age groups during the same time period. With large numbers of students returning to local colleges and universities in Lenawee County, many from states with high rates of

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COVID-19, living in congregate settings, and traditionally disposed toward socializing in large groups, further restrictions need to be put in place to prevent outbreaks related to large social gatherings and organized events. Large social gatherings have demonstrated an increased public health risk with potential for further disease transmission

To help determine the least restrictive means to prevent outbreaks related to large social gatherings and organized events, this order applies to those areas with residential college campuses. As such, the Lenawee County Health Department Local Health Officer hereby orders the following within Madison Township, Adrian Township, City of Adrian and all university or college properties not located in the named municipalities shall be interpreted to be part and parcel to this order.

Acting under Section 2453 of Michigan's Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.2453) the Health Officer finds it reasonable and necessary to further limit the size of outdoor social gatherings and organized events and reinforce COVID-19 protective measures as follows:

1. The requirements of Section 7 of Executive Order 2020-160 are enhanced by this local order as follows within Adrian Township, Madison Township, City of Adrian and all university or college properties not located in the named municipalities:

Section 7. Rules on gatherings, events, and large venues.

- a) A social gathering or organized event among persons not part of the same household is permitted, but only to the extent that:

- 1) The gathering or event is designed to ensure that persons not part of the same household maintain six feet of distance from one another;
- 2) Persons not part of the same household maintain six feet of distance from one another;
- 3) If it is indoors, the gathering or event does not exceed 10 people; and
- 4) If it is outdoors, the gathering or event does not exceed 25 people.

2. Notwithstanding the further limitation on gathering and event size, gatherings and events subject to this local order must continue to comply with all other provisions of Executive Order 2020-160 and any order that follows from it.

3. Notwithstanding the further limitation on gathering and event size, gatherings and events subject to this local order must continue to comply with mask wearing provisions of Executive Order 2020-153 and any order that follows from it.

4. Any restaurant or bar that is open within Adrian Township, Madison Township or the City of Adrian must continue to comply with Executive Order 2020-161 that limits capacity to 50% of normal seating.

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5. Any individual, group or entity organizing or hosting an outdoor gathering or organized event are strongly encouraged to make and keep a record of all attendees for 21 days thereafter. If confirmed COVID-19 cases become associated with the gathering or event, the host must cooperate with the investigation of the local public health department and the record will greatly facilitate case investigations by the Lenawee County Health Department.

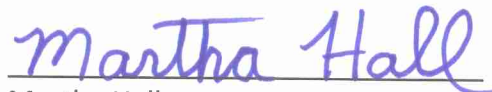
6. This order does not apply to:

- b) Social gatherings or organized events that take place outside of Adrian Township, Madison Township or the City of Adrian with the exception of those university or college properties not located in the named municipalities.
- c) K-12 schools, childcare organizations, places of religious worship and/or religious functions, as outline in Executive order 2020- 142 and Executive Order 2020-160.
- d) Outdoor fitness classes, athletic practices, training sessions, or games, provided that coaches, spectators, and participants not from the same household **maintain six feet of distance from one another at all times during such activities** as outlined in Executive Order 2020-160.
- e) Incidental encounters of persons in an outdoor space, including restaurants, workplaces, farmers markets, or parks as outlined in Executive Order 2020-160.
- f) Outdoor weddings and funerals, as outlined in Executive Order 2020-160.

The contents of this Order will be published to the members of the public at large by all reasonable means available. This Order goes into effect on September 3, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect until lifted.

State law provides local health officers with the authority to issue orders to protect the public health under Section 2453 of the Public Health Code (MCL 333.2453). Those who disregard the order could be subject to a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six months and/or a fine of up to \$200.

Dated: September 3, 2020

  
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Local Health Officer

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