



To combat the spread of COVID-19 in Michigan, Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-71 to impose safety measures to protect the public and employees from exposure to COVID-19. It is necessary and reasonable to impose standards for food-selling establishments (including, but not limited to, grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants selling groceries or food available for takeout) and pharmacies to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and disease transmission. Critical elements of the executive order are listed below. The order is effective immediately and continues through May 30, 2020. You can review the entire order [on safety measures to protect consumers and employees on the state's website.](#)

For Consumer and Employee Protection

- Any individual entering a food-selling establishment or pharmacy who is able to medically tolerate a face covering must wear a covering over his or her nose and mouth, such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana or handkerchief.
- Food-selling establishments and pharmacies must create at least 2 hours per week of dedicated shopping time for vulnerable populations including people over 60, pregnant people and those with chronic health conditions.
- Food-selling establishments and pharmacies must provide access to handwashing facilities.
- Checkout employees are required to wear some form of covering over their nose and mouth, such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief.
- Food-selling establishments and pharmacies must ensure that both employees and customers remain at least six feet apart to the maximum extent possible (including during employee breaks).
- Self-serve prepared food stations such as salad bars must be closed, and free samples and tasting stations must be eliminated.
- Food-selling establishments and pharmacies must adopt procedures to meet the environmental cleaning guidelines set by the CDC, including by cleaning and disinfecting frequent touchpoints throughout the day such as point of sale terminals at registers, shopping carts, and shopping baskets.
- Food-selling establishments and pharmacies must prohibit employees who are sick from reporting to work and must send employees home if they display symptoms of COVID-19.
- If an employee at a food-selling establishment tests positive for COVID-19, the establishment is required to notify food vendors and other employees as soon as possible but no later than 12 hours after receiving confirmation of the positive test without revealing any personal health-related information of any employee.
- Food-selling establishments and pharmacies must accommodate employees who fall within a vulnerable population by providing lower-exposure work assignments or giving them the option to take an unpaid leave of absence with a return date coinciding with the end of the declared states of emergency and disaster, or May 21, 2020 (whichever date is later).
- Food-selling establishments and pharmacies are required to develop and implement a daily screening program for all staff upon or just prior to reporting to work sites. Details for the screening program [are included in the executive order.](#)

The latest COVID-19 information is available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](#) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](#).

For those who have questions about the state's actions to mitigate the spread of coronavirus, please call the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-535-6136 between 8AM - 5PM daily.