EMERGENCY ORDER (Ingham2020-14) FOR CONTROL OF PANDEMIC

Emergency Order (Ingham2020-12) imposed similar restrictions and requirements. This Order is made pursuant to Section 2453 of Michigan’s Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.2453). Effective July 29, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-161 which continues to limit the capacity of restaurants and bars to 50% of normal seating in addition to other restrictions. On August 7, 2020, Executive Order 2020-165 extended the ongoing state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic through September 4, 2020.

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. COVID-19 cases and related hospitalizations have substantially increased in Ingham County since these executive orders were issued at the beginning of June, with a current outbreak tied directly to a restaurant and bar.
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 to 50%, excluding employees. This Order will cap capacity at 50% of the current allowed capacity or the limit of 125 people, whichever is less. 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 August 13 at 12 pm continuing through September 4, 2020 at 11:59 pm.

Respectfully,

Linda Vail, Health Officer
Ingham County Health Department

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