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Important changes relating to Executive Order [2020-145](#) and [2020-147](#) REQUIRING Food Service Operations to:

- **Face covering requirement:**
 - *To protect workers, shoppers and the community, no business that is open to the public may*
 - *Only children under 5 years of age and individuals who cannot medically tolerate a face covering are exempt from face covering requirements. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does recommend that children older than 2 years of age to wear a face covering.*
 - *Customers are required to wear a face covering except when seated at their table or bar top (Unless the customer is unable to medically tolerate a face mask).*
 - *This will take effect on **July 13th, 2020 at 12:01 AM** for businesses.*
- **Businesses that are open to the public must post signs at entrance(s) instructing customers of their legal obligation to wear a face covering while inside.**
 - Signage found in [Re-Engagement Resources for Businesses](#)
- **A department or agency that learns that a licensee is in violation of this section will consider whether the public health, safety or welfare requires temporary suspension of the business's license to operate (Including but not limited to a liquor license). Under section 92 of the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.292(2).**
- **Require customers to remain seated at their table or bar tops, unless entering, ordering food, traveling to the restroom, or exiting the building**

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- **Customers are no longer allowed to order alcoholic drinks at the bar**

Customers are only allowed to order alcohol when seated at a table or seated at the bar.

- **Limit the food facility capacity to 50%**

Food facilities are limited to 50% capacity for seating and take out. If a food facility does both take out and indoor seating, then the facility needs to take into account the takeout line and limit the number of people inside ordering food at the counter. Social distancing shall be maintained from customers who are seated and standing in line to order food.

- **Remove self-service stations and limit shared items between customers**

Self-service stations such as food and drink options, buffets, salad bars, and drink stations shall be closed. Limit shared items between customers such as (Ketchup, Mustard, Salt and Pepper) and clean highly contact areas after each customer (Chairs, Tables, Menus). Paper menus shall be discarded after each use.

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Important changes relating to Executive Order [2020-149](#) REQUIRING Food Service Operations to:

- **Grocery stores and pharmacies must create at least two hours per week of dedicated shopping time for vulnerable populations, which for purposes of this order are people over 60, pregnant people, and those with chronic conditions, including heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease.**
- **Food-selling establishments and pharmacies must deploy strategies to reduce COVID-19 exposure for their customers and employees consistent with the strategies described in Executive Order 2020-114 or any order that follows from it, as well as the following:**
 - *Provide access to handwashing facilities, including those available in public restrooms;*
 - *Require checkout employees to wear coverings over their noses and mouths, such as homemade masks, scarves, bandanas, or handkerchiefs;*
 - *Allow employees sufficient break time to wash hands as needed;*
 - *Use best efforts to ensure checkout employees to disinfect their hands between orders to prevent cross-contamination;*
 - *Use best efforts to provide employees and customers access to an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC);*
 - *Use best efforts to provide disinfecting wipes at cash registers and entrance points for customers to disinfect carts and baskets, as well as at other appropriate locations;*
 - *Ensure that both employees and customers remain at least six feet apart to the maximum extent possible, including during employee breaks, for example by reviewing floor plans, creating temporary barriers, designating aisles as one-way only, and demarcating queueing distances;*

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- *Close self-serve prepared food stations such as salad bars;*
- *Eliminate free samples and tasting stations;*
- *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;*
- *Prohibit employees who are sick from reporting to work and send employees home if they display symptoms of COVID-19. Employees who test positive for 4 COVID-19 or who display one or more of the principal symptoms of COVID-19 should follow the procedures of Executive Order 2020-36 or any order that follows from it;*
- *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 August 11, 2020, whichever is later. Nothing in this executive order abrogates any right to disability benefits. Employees who take an unpaid leave of absence as described in this subsection are encouraged to apply for unemployment benefits;*
- *Close to the public for sufficient time each night to allow stores to be properly sanitized;*
- *Encourage cash transactions to be processed at self-checkout kiosks when possible; and*
- *Adhere to all applicable safeguards, including but not limited to conducting a daily self-screening protocol for all employees and contractors, that are required under Executive Order 2020-145 or any order that may follow from it.*
- **Vendors moving between food-selling establishments must frequently clean and disinfect frequent touch points.**
- **If an employee at a food-selling establishment tests positive for COVID-19, the establishment must notify food vendors and other employees of the positive test result as soon as possible and in no case later than 12 hours after receiving the test result, without revealing the personal health-related information of any employee.**

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- **Strict compliance with sections 3119, 4109, 4113, and 4115 of the Food Law, 92 PA 2000, as amended, MCL 289.3119, MCL 289.4109, MCL 289.4113, and MCL 289.4115, is temporarily suspended to the extent necessary to extend the deadline for local health departments to submit fees under section 3119, and to extend the license and registration expiration dates under sections 4109 and 4115, until 60 days after the end of the states of emergency and disaster declared in Executive Order 2020-99 or the end of any subsequently declared states of disaster or emergency arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic, whichever comes later. Furthermore, late fees shall not be assessed under sections 4113 or 4115 during the 2020–2021 license year.**
- **Strict compliance with subsection 6137 of the Food Law, MCL 289.6137, is suspended to the extent necessary to make a license holder eligible for a special transitory temporary food unit for the 2020–2021 licensing year, even if the license holder received only 1 evaluation during the 2019–2020 licensing year.**

For the purposes of this order, “food-selling establishments” means grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants that sell groceries or food available for takeout, and any other business that sells food.