Michigan Supreme Court Strikes Down Gov. Whitmer's COVID-19 Executive Orders - MLA Recommends Libraries Continue to Follow Reopening Plans Currently in Place

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In light of the Supreme Court ruling late Friday that struck down months of executive orders by Governor Gretchen Whitmer that were aimed at preventing the spread of the coronavirus, the MLA Advocacy and Legislative Committee recommended the following be retained within any new mandates:

- Retain a statewide mask mandate
- Retain ability for virtual meetings
- Retain occupancy limitations
- Retain 6-foot social distancing

There continues to be confusion concerning when the Executive Orders will be removed, but some county health departments (Ingham and Oakland, to date) are now stepping in with local orders that are enforceable. Still to be decided - if the Governor’s Executive Orders are immediately dissolved, or if there are still 21 days left (which is the time Gov. Whitmer has to petition the Supreme Court to change their minds.) The Attorney General has stated that she will not be enforcing any of the Executive Orders at this time.

Until we understand and hear more on this topic (most likely this week), **MLA will be advocating for libraries to maintain the status quo** as they have defined in their reopening plans, and continue to follow workplace safety measures as outlined by the CDC, MIOSHA, OSHA and Local Departments of Health.

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