MIOSHA Issues COVID-19 Emergency Rules

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This afternoon, as part of the continuing effort to mitigate the effects of the court ruling that in essence dismantled all of Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders, the Michigan Occupational Health and Safety Administration (MIOSHA) issued an emergency rule set on COVID-19. In addition to many rules applying to all businesses covered by the Michigan Occupational Health and Safety Act, the emergency rules also implement rules for certain categories of businesses, including: Retail, Libraries, and Museums in Rule 9, Section 3.

(3) Retail, libraries, and museums. Retail stores that are open for in-store sales, as well as libraries and museums, must:

(a) Create communications material for customers (e.g., signs or pamphlets) to inform them of changes to store practices and to explain the precautions the store is taking to prevent infection.
(b) Require patrons to wear a face-covering (unless the patron is unable medically to tolerate a face covering).
(c) Post signs at store entrances instructing customers to wear a face-covering when inside the store.
(d) Post signs at store entrances informing customers not to enter if they are or have recently been sick.
(e) Design spaces and store activities in a manner that encourages employees and customers to maintain 6 feet of distance from one another.
(f) Install physical barriers at checkout or other service points that require close interaction, including plexiglass barriers, tape markers, or tables.
(g) Establish an enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocol for high-touch areas like restrooms, credit-card machines, keypads, counters, shopping carts, and other surfaces.

The full order from MIOSHA is linked here:
