

## Governor Whitmer Signs “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order

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Governor directs all non-critical businesses to temporarily close, all Michiganders to stay home or six feet away from others during the COVID-19 crisis. Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order 2020-21, directing all Michigan businesses and operations to temporarily suspend in-person operations that are not necessary to sustain or protect life.

The order also directs Michiganders to stay in their homes unless they’re a part of that critical infrastructure workforce, engaged in an outdoor activity, or performing tasks necessary to the health and safety of themselves or their family, like going to the hospital or grocery store. [Read the news release.](#)  
[View Executive Order 2020-21.](#)

### More Information

Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order 2020-21, directing all Michigan businesses and operations to temporarily suspend in-person operations that are not necessary to sustain or protect life. [Read the news release.](#) [View Executive Order 2020-21.](#)

Governor Whitmer has issued Executive Order 2020-20 extending the deadline for closure of all public facilities to April 13, 2020.  
[View Executive Order 2020-20.](#)

Public Library Boards take note: Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order No. 2020-15 - Temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings and temporary relief from monthly meeting requirements for school boards  
[View Executive Order 2020-15](#)

Governor Whitmer has issued Executive Order 2020-9 which closes places of public

accommodation including all libraries. [View Executive Order 2020-9](#) . [Read the press release.](#)

The CDC released updated guidelines on Sunday, March 15, recommending events and gatherings of more than 50 people be cancelled or postponed for the next eight weeks. [View the guidelines here.](#)

Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released community mitigation strategies to slow the transmission of COVID-19 that urge residents to avoid gatherings of more than 100 people. [A video of Governor Whitmer's press conference is available here.](#)

View the [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services \(MDHHS\) Interim Recommendations for COVID-19 Community Mitigation Strategies](#)

The [World Health Organization \(WHO\) has declared COVID-19 a pandemic](#) . View more information at [wh](#)  
[o.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019](#)

Please visit the American Library Association (ALA) [pandemic preparedness resource page](#) for more information about how libraries can be community partners in response to this outbreak.

[The Centers for Disease Control](#) provides updates on the virus and safety information for the public and healthcare professionals.

[The State of Michigan](#) provides updates on the disease's spread within the state, as well as frequently asked questions available [here](#) .

[The State Department](#) provides a list of travel advisories for those who are planning to fly outside of the United States.