

Library Board Meetings Continue Virtually

January 22, 2021

On January 22, 2021, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) updated its epidemic order (https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-550215--,00.html) with some modifications allowing additional specific indoor activities. The order takes effect on February 1 and remains in effect until February 21, 2021. All library board meetings must remain virtual . In fact, all public meetings, remain prohibited.

The Library of Michigan provided these examples of prohibited activity:

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In-person board meetings are still prohibited - Even a 5-member board will be comprised of people from more than 2 households, and even if they were, a meeting of 10 people is not large enough to satisfy the Open Meetings Act requirements.

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In-person programming is still prohibited if it involves more than 2 households (including the library staff presenting it).

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In-person staff meetings are still prohibited if there are more than 2 households involved.

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Meeting room use by patron groups is still prohibited if more than 2 households are represented.

As a reminder, under Public 254 of 2020, all local governments, can continue to meet virtually for any reason through March 30, 2021. Beginning March 31, 2021, through December 31, 2021, remote participation is allowed only for military duty, a medical condition, or a statewide or local state of emergency or state of disaster.