

Gov. Whitmer Extends Her Stay At Home Order To April 30th

To no one's surprise Gov. Whitmer has extended her Stay At Home Order another 17 days. What is somewhat surprising is that she continues to incorporate the March 19 CISA guidelines and not the March 28 guidelines. The differences between those two guidelines is summarized in Bodman's article [here](#). In summary the March 28 guidelines are substantially more liberal and most notably extend critical status to manufacturing including "warm standby" of supply chain and construction. Many thought, and some hoped, that when Gov. Whitmer extended her order it would provide authority for manufacturing to return to work with social distancing requirements. The same is also true for construction which must remain shut down. It is still notable that more than a week ago GM and Ford pushed back their relaunch date to essentially the same timeframe as Gov. Whitmer's new order.

The new order will take effect at 11:59 pm tonight and will replace the provisions of the previous Stay Home Stay Safe Order (2020-21).

The new order:

- Removes the provision permitting travel between two residences in the state: after April 10, 2020, individuals may not travel between two residences.
- Adds attending a funeral (with 10 people or less) and dropping off a vehicle at a dealership as a permitted reason to leave home.
- States individuals should limit the number of household members who leave the home for any errands.
- Outlines detailed requirements for retail stores permitted to stay open under the order, such as limiting total occupancy per square foot and refraining from advertising or promoting goods that are not groceries, medical supplies, or other essentials.
- Requires qualifying retail stores to close off areas of the store designated for selling (to the extent the products cannot be removed from shelves): carpet or flooring, furniture, paint, and garden centers and plant nurseries.

- Prohibits advertising or renting short-term vacation property, unless the property is used to house a health care professional or volunteer aiding in the crisis response.
- Adds categories of “critical infrastructure” to include workers at laundromats and dry cleaners, hotels or motels, and certain workers at motor vehicle dealerships (showrooms must remain closed).
- Requires businesses that remain open to develop a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan consistent with OSHA’s guidance and make the guidance available at the business headquarters or worksite.

This list of changes is not exhaustive and does not capture the nuances of certain new provisions. Please contact Joseph Shannon at 313-393-7549 or jshannon@bodmanlaw.com, or your Bodman attorney to help you understand how the new order could impact you or your business. Bodman cannot respond to your questions or receive information from you without first clearing potential conflicts with other clients. Thank you for your patience and understanding.