

Latest Executive Orders Green Light Pools, Gyms and Fall Sports

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Yesterday, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed long awaited Executive Orders 2020-175 and 2020-176 permitting gyms and pools to reopen next Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Gyms and pools are required to implement strict health measures including using best efforts to provide opportunities for patrons to exercise outdoors, wearing a mask at all times while inside of the facility, and practicing social distancing. Gyms must provide cleaning products throughout the facility and limit capacity to 25%. Indoor pools must remain at 25% capacity while outdoor pools are capped at 50%.

The Orders also allow organized sports to reconvene. The Michigan High School Athletic Association acted swiftly on this order announcing that the fall 2020 football season and other high school sports have been reinstated. Attendance, however, is limited under the Order. For indoor sports, each athlete may only have two spectators. For outdoor sports competitions, the organizer of the competitions must either limit the audience:

1. To two designated guests per athlete; or
2. So that total attendance (counting athletes, coaches, staff, guests, etc.) does not exceed 100.

Theaters and similar performance venues remain closed.

Employers should contact any member of Bodman's Workplace Law Group to discuss these requirements. 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.

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