

EO No. 2020-147

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Hours ago, Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued an Executive Order (EO No. 2020-147) in response to the increase in COVID-19 cases Michigan is experiencing. The Order expands on the specifics of when and where a mask is required, and also implements a misdemeanor penalty of \$500 for violations. Businesses who violate the Order may risk loss of licensure. Previously, masks were required indoors but there was no official penalty for violators. This order takes effect immediately for individuals and on Monday July 13 for businesses.

Specifically, masks are required in any indoor public space and any outdoor space where distancing of six feet cannot be maintained. Further, the order reiterates that businesses must refuse entry and service to anyone who refuses to wear a mask. For purposes of this Order, neither child care centers, nor day, residential, travel or troop camps are considered public spaces.

There are, however, a few exceptions to the mask mandate, including children under five and individuals who cannot medically tolerate a face covering. Michiganders are also able to remove face coverings when eating and drinking at restaurants, exercising, or obtaining service which requires mask removal.

To understand how EO No. 2020-147 impacts your business, contact **Bodman's Workplace Law Group**. 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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