

Indoor Gathering/Meeting Protocols

MDHHS issues Emergency Order

updating gathering definitions, capacity restrictions, mask requirements, and worker protections. October 9, 2020

Under the new MDHHS order:

1. **Masks must be worn** for organized gatherings larger than 10 people indoors and 100 outdoors
2. **Capacity limits** apply to indoor gatherings not to exceed 25% of the total capacity
3. People must be **seated 6 feet apart**, social distanced
4. Anyone who is uncomfortable sitting in the auditorium, is welcome to wait in the cafeteria and will be called on to come in make your comment when it is your turn.

Under MCL 333.2253, if the MDHHS director determines that control of an epidemic is necessary to protect the public health, the director by emergency order may prohibit the gathering of people for any purpose and may establish procedures to be followed during the epidemic to insure continuation of essential public health services and enforcement of health laws.

Pursuant to MCL 333.2235(1), local health departments are authorized to carry out and enforce the terms of this order. Law enforcement officers may also enforce the order and are specifically authorized to investigate potential violations of this order. They may coordinate as necessary with the appropriate regulatory entity and enforce this order within their jurisdiction.

Violations of this order are a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six months or a fine of not more than \$200, or both. Violations of this order are also punishable by a civil fine of up to \$1,000.