



## MDHHS COVID-19 Guidance for Congregate Settings

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To mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to provide essential protections to vulnerable Michiganders and this state's health care system and other critical infrastructure, it is reasonable and necessary to impose limited and temporary restrictions on the entry of individuals into health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities.

Executive Order 2020-6 imposed such restrictions. With this order, Executive Order 2020-6 is rescinded. This order imposes substantially identical restrictions, with the exception of certain clarifying changes to the visitation limitations imposed in section 1, below.

While the restrictions of this order are in place, these facilities should, to the extent possible, facilitate visitations with individuals under their care by phone or other electronic communication platforms, consistent with normal visitation policies.

Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, Governor Whitmer ordered the following:

1. Effective immediately and continuing through April 5, 2020 at 5:00 pm, all health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities must prohibit from entering their facilities any visitors that: are not necessary for the provision of medical care, the support of activities of daily living, or the exercise of power of attorney or court-appointed guardianship for an individual under the facility's care; are not a parent, foster parent, or guardian of an individual who is 21 years of age or under and who is under the facility's care; are not visiting an individual under the facility's care that is in serious or critical condition or in hospice care; and are not visiting under exigent circumstances or for the purpose of performing official governmental functions.
2. Beginning as soon as possible but no later than March 16, 2020 at 9:00 am, and continuing through April 5, 2020 at 5:00 pm, all health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities must perform a health evaluation of all individuals that are not under the care of the facility each time the individual seeks to enter the facility, and must deny entry to those individuals who do not meet the evaluation criteria. The evaluation criteria must include symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat; and contact in the last 14 days with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.