

[MDHHS Emergency Order Loosens Gathering and Occupancy Limits](#)

On March 2, 2021, Governor Whitmer and MDHHS again extended their “Emergency Order” limiting gatherings and requiring face masks, with some loosening of gathering and occupancy limits.

Here is a summary of the updated requirements affecting businesses and employers. Unless noted, all other requirements from prior orders remain in effect.



[Capacity limits for gatherings](#)

- For **indoor residential gatherings**, up to 15 persons from 3 households are permitted
- For **indoor nonresidential gatherings**, up to 25 persons are permitted
- For **outdoor residential gatherings**, up to 50 persons are permitted
- For **outdoor nonresidential gatherings**, up to 300 persons are permitted

[Capacity limits for venues/facilities](#)

- Where applicable, venues must not exceed 50% of the capacity limits established by the Fire Marshal
- For indoor stadiums and arenas, up to 375 patrons are permitted at venues with capacity of under 10,000, and up to 750 patrons are permitted at venues with capacity of over 10,000
- For indoor entertainment and recreation facilities, up to 300 patrons are permitted
- For outdoor entertainment and recreation facilities, up to 1,000 patrons are permitted
- Indoor pools are limited to 30% of bather capacity limits, and outdoor pools are limited to 50% of bather capacity limits

Note: Groups must remain at least 6 feet apart at all times at all venues and facilities.

[Restaurants/food service](#)

- The number of patrons must not exceed 50% of normal seating capacity, or 100 persons, whichever is less
- Indoor dining must be closed between the hours of 11:00 PM to 4:00 AM

In addition, **retail stores** must not exceed 50% of total occupancy limits established by the Fire Marshal.

This latest Emergency Order **goes into effect on March 5 and remains in effect through April 19, 2021**. You can view the full [Emergency Order here](#) and see the [summary Infographic here](#).

This memo is intended only as a summary and general overview. If you have any questions or would like legal advice regarding the above or any other employment issue, please contact [David Lawrence](#) or [Stacey DiDomenico](#).