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To: All Businesses/Entities Remaining Open Under Executive Order 2020-92

**From: Saginaw County Health Department
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RE: Rescind Emergency Order SCHD2020-02

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has rescinded Executive Order 2020-21, which had been replaced by EOs 2020-42, 2020-59, 2020-70, 2020-77, and 2020-92. The Current EO 2020-91 addresses requirements for businesses that remain open during the Stay Home Order. These requirements outlined in the EO 2020-92 supersede the SCHD Emergency Order 2020-02 (SCHD 2020-02) which the Local Health Officer for the Saginaw County Health Department previously issued. SCHD 2020-02 was issued without expiration and is now rescinded in light of the Governor's Executive Order 2020-92.

The Saginaw County Health Department stresses the importance of compliance with the EO 2020-92 stating businesses, operations, and government agencies that remain open for in-person work must, at a minimum:

1. Develop a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan, consistent with recommendations in Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19, developed by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration and available [here](#). Such plan must be available at company headquarters or the worksite.
2. Restrict the number of workers present on premises to no more than is strictly necessary to perform the in-person work permitted under this order.
3. Promote remote work to the fullest extent possible.
4. Keep workers and patrons who are on premises at least six feet from one another to the maximum extent possible.
5. Require masks to be worn when workers cannot consistently maintain six feet of separation from other individuals in the workplace, and consider face shields when workers cannot consistently maintain three feet of separation from other individuals in the workplace.
6. Increase standards of facility cleaning and disinfection to limit worker and patron exposure to COVID-19, as well as adopting protocols to clean and disinfect in the event of a positive COVID-19 case in the workplace.

7. Adopt policies to prevent workers from entering the premises if they display respiratory symptoms or have had contact with a person with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.
8. Adopt any other social distancing practices and mitigation measures recommended by the CDC.
9. Businesses or operations whose in-person work is permitted under sections 10(c) through 10(e) of the order must also:
 - a. Prohibit gatherings of any size in which people cannot maintain six feet of distance from one another.
 - b. Limit in-person interaction with clients and patrons to the maximum extent possible, and bar any such interaction in which people cannot maintain six feet of distance from one another.
 - c. Provide personal protective equipment such as gloves, goggles, face shields, and face masks as appropriate for the activity being performed.
 - d. Adopt protocols to limit the sharing of tools and equipment to the maximum extent possible and to ensure frequent and thorough cleaning and disinfection of tools, equipment, and frequently touched surfaces.

Businesses and operations in the construction and manufacturing industries have additional orders outlined in 2020-92. To see the full EO, visit: https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-529476--,00.html.

The current pandemic, that has now reached the Saginaw County population, requires that each of us take measures to prevent further spread of COVID-19 in Saginaw County. Monitoring employees for symptoms of COVID-19 will provide employers with early notification that an employee may have the virus and will help prevent the spread of COVID-19 to other staff and to others in the community. Monitoring employees for close contact with a COVID-19 patient will also offer these same protections by alerting the employer to potential exposures. Social distancing strategies that include ensuring 6 feet of distance between employees in the workspace, between employees and customers, and between customers and other customers is a mitigation strategy recommended for all public encounters to offer protection from COVID-19.

It is important that every available strategy be utilized to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This is a difficult time for all and your efforts and services are greatly appreciated. The Saginaw County Health Department has developed a Business Toolkit of public health considerations to help assist businesses with protocols and considerations for remaining open or future re-opening. To access the toolkit, please visit the SCHD Coronavirus website <https://saginawpublichealth.org/coronavirus/information-for-businesses-and-employers/>.