MDHHS has issued orders under a law first enacted by the Michigan Legislature after the Spanish Flu of 1918 specifically to deal with epidemics. Note that the Supreme Court struck down a different, broader law.

Under MDHHS’s epidemic order:

1. **Masks** must be worn over nose and mouth in gatherings of two or more people, including stores, offices, schools and events. Businesses cannot admit people without masks, with few exceptions.

2. **Capacity** limits apply to indoor and outdoor gatherings, including business, social and recreational settings. They’re stricter inside.

3. **Restaurants and bars** must limit capacity for gatherings, **may only seat six people per table**, may only serve alcohol to parties who are seated, and must keep tables six feet apart.

4. **Organized sports** require masks (except for swimming) and have gathering limits.

5. **Employees** who can work from home must do so.

6. **Contact tracing**: Many businesses, including bars and restaurants, must collect phone numbers from their customers so they can be contacted in case they are exposed to someone who is ill.

All regions are in Phase 4 of reopening. The same rules now apply to all of Michigan.