

Michigan's COVID-19 Three Week Pause

The three-week pause outlined in detail below is effective throughout the state during the following dates:

Wednesday, Nov. 18 through Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020

In a new Emergency Order issued on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020 under the Michigan Public Health Code (MCL 333.2253), MDHHS Director Robert Gordon has further limited gatherings in the State of Michigan. Under the new order, **all in-person activities for students in grades 9-12 are suspended.** Districts may continue to educate high school students through distance learning, but **may not offer extra-curricular activities or athletics in-person for any grades.** The order further **limits in-person gatherings for PreK-8 students to instruction only**, leaving the decision about in-person PreK-8 instruction to the local district and health department.

Districts may, however, continue to offer in-person instruction at any grade level for special education students and English language learners.

These restrictions are in place starting Wednesday, November 18 at 12:01 a.m. and will be in effect for three weeks until Tuesday, December 8 at 11:59 p.m. Buildings may be used for basic services such as: food distribution; Internet facilitation for students; child care; and health care/mental health services.

Education-Related Impact

PreK - Grade 8

In-person instruction at district discretion
No extra-curricular activities or athletics

High School (Grades 9-12)

No in-person instruction
No extra-curricular activities or athletics

All Grades

In-person instruction is permitted at any grade level for special education students and English language learners.

Other Included Areas of Impact

Available/Open

Indoor gatherings (two households, 10 people)

Small outdoor gatherings (25 people)

Childcare (including GSRP & Early Childhood)

Retail

Public Transit

**Hair salons, barbor shops
& other personal services**

Gyms & pools (individual exercise only)

Parks & outdoor recreation

Funerals (25 people)

Not Available/Closed

Colleges & universities (no in-person learning)

Work (that cannot be performed remotely)

Indoor dining @ restaurants & bars
(outdoor dining, carry out & delivery permitted)

Organized sports (except professional)

Theaters, movie theaters & stadiums/arenas

**Bowling centers, ice skating rinks
& indoor water parks**

Bingo halls, casinos & arcades

Group fitness classes