



ORDER REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS IN CITY DDA DISTRICT

Date: 11/6, 2020

1. Michigan is continuing to experience illnesses and deaths due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the number of cases of COVID-19 within Ingham County has increased in recent weeks. According to the Ingham County Health Department's COVID-19 "Heat Map" dated November 4, 2020, the City of East Lansing is the primary "hot spot" for new infections within the County.¹
2. In recent weeks, the number of positive COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations (including ICU inpatients), and ventilated patients in Ingham County has increased.
3. As Mayor, I have declared a local state of emergency pursuant to Ordinance No. 1488, as authorized by Section 10 of the Emergency Management Act ("EMA"), Act 390 of 1976, MCL 30.401 *et seq.* Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1488, I am authorized to promulgate reasonable orders, rules, and regulations related to the use of public property within the City as necessary to protect life and property and to bring the emergency situation under control.
4. The City's DDA District frequently draws crowds of individuals from different households, which presents a risk of COVID-19 transmission.
5. Face coverings have been shown to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, particularly when worn by individuals in public spaces.
6. Based on the above circumstances, I find that requiring individuals to wear face coverings in the City's DDA District is necessary to protect life and property and to bring the emergency situation under control.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of East Lansing, pursuant to the EMA and Ordinance No. 1488, I order as follows:

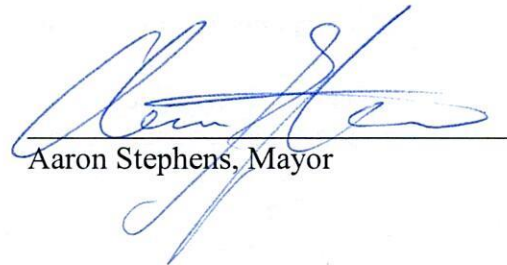
1. All persons on public streets and sidewalks in the City DDA District must, at all times, wear a face covering that covers the mouth and nose, subject to the following exceptions:
 - a. A person is not required to wear a face covering while seated at a table and eating or drinking.

¹ <http://www.hd.ingham.org/Portals/HD/Home/Documents/cd/coronavirus/ICHDCOVIDstats.pdf>



- b. A person is not required to wear a face covering if he or she cannot medically tolerate wearing a face covering.
- 2. This Order is effective for 7 days from the date of this Order unless the City Council consents to the continuation of the Order, in which case the Order remains in effect through December 31, 2020.
- 3. A violation of this Order is a civil infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$25.00 pursuant to Ordinance No. 1488.
- 4. This Order will be published in accordance with Ordinance No. 1488.

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Aaron Stephens, Mayor

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