



# **FORSYTH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**The health and safety of our citizens is our priority.**

## **STAY HOME / STAY SAFE / SAVE LIVES**

**To combat the spread of COVID-19 in Michigan, Governor Whitmer signed the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” executive order. For at least the next three weeks, all Michigan businesses and operations must temporarily suspend in-person operations that are not necessary to sustain or protect life, and all Michiganders must stay in their homes unless they’re a part of that critical infrastructure workforce, engaged in an outdoor activity, or performing tasks necessary to the health and safety of themselves or their family, like going to the grocery store, gas station, pharmacy, or to seek medical care.**

The reason for this drastic of measure is to suppress the spread of COVID-19, to prevent the state’s health care system from being overwhelmed, to allow time for the production of critical test kits, ventilators, and personal protective equipment, and to avoid needless deaths, it is reasonable and necessary to direct residents to remain at home or in their place of residence to the maximum extent feasible. This order takes effect on March 24, 2020 at 12:01 am and continues through April 13, 2020 at 11:59 pm.

## YOU CAN:

- Go to the grocery store or pick up take-out food.
- Go to the pharmacy to pick up a needed prescription.
- Engage in outdoor activities like walking, hiking, running, biking.
- Go to a clinic or hospital or secure any care necessary to address a medical emergency or to preserve your health or the health of a loved one.
- Fill your car with gas.
- Return to Michigan to a home or place of residence from outside the State.
- Walk your pets and take them to the veterinarian for needed medical care.

## YOU MAY NOT:

- Leave the home to work unless your employer designates you in writing as a critical infrastructure worker.
- Participate in any public or private gatherings not part of a single household.
- Visit someone in the hospital, nursing home, or other residential care facilities (with limited exceptions).

## **BUSINESSES THAT REMAIN OPEN FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORK MUST TAKE AGGRESSIVE STEPS TO MINIMIZE THE VIRUS'S SPREAD.**

Critical infrastructure type work includes:

- Health care and Public Health
- Necessary government employees including police, public safety, and first responders.
- Public transit, trash collection, public works, transportation & logistics, energy
- Food and agriculture
- Communications, information technology, and media
- Financial services
- Critical manufacturing
- Childcare in support of critical infrastructure employees
- See Executive Order 2020-21 for more details to see if your business qualifies

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus).

For those who have questions about the state's actions to mitigate the spread of coronavirus, please call the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-535-6136 between 8AM - 5PM daily.

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Forsyth Township Emergency Management