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Governor Whitmer Extends Michigan's Stay Home Requirements Again

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On the eve of Memorial Day Weekend, the Governor extended Michigan's current "Stay Home, Stay Safe" requirements until June 12, 2020.

As of yesterday, the relaxation of rules allows for:

- social gatherings of no more than 10 people, as long as attendees wear face coverings and try to maintain social distancing when around people they don't live with;
- retail businesses to reopen on May 26, by appointment only. That was limited, however, to stores that sell goods or are related to those services, and did not include bars or in-house dining at restaurants;
- vehicle showrooms to reopen by appointment on May 26;
- veterinary services to resume again on May 29; and
- non-emergency dental services and other medical procedures to resume on May 29.

Today's Executive Order (2020-99) extends the current rules to restrict Michiganders until June 12, 2020.

However, today also marks the opening of the Upper Peninsula and the upper Lower Peninsula. The counties of Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Leelanau, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, and Emmet in the Lower Peninsula, and Gogebic, Ontonagon, Houghton, Keweenaw, Iron, Baraga, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee, Delta, Alger, Schoolcraft, Luce, Mackinac, and Chippewa in the Upper Peninsula are now more open than the rest of the state. Workers necessary to perform retail activities, workers in an office setting that are unable to continue to work remotely, and subject to further restrictions by local government, workers in restaurants or bars, subject to the capacity constraints and workplace standards described in Executive Order 2020-97, are

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permitted to resume in-person work in these select counties. Importantly for this weekend, retailers selling “non-essential” products and restaurants and bars in these counties may open, with limited capacity (25% generally for retailers and 50% for restaurants/bars) and enhanced safeguards...but they may open, nonetheless.

Next week, the restrictions may change. Your Butzel attorneys will bring the information to you as soon as it is available. Reach out to your Butzel Long attorney with specific questions and for assistance applying these, and future, executive orders to your business.

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