

Date: April 2, 2020

To: All Businesses/Entities Remaining Open Under Executive Order 2020-21

**From: Saginaw County Health Department
Christina Harrington, Health Officer**

RE: Emergency Order Requiring Open Businesses to Develop Screening and Social Distancing Protocols

The attached Emergency Order SCHD2020-21 requires all businesses and entities that remain open under the Executive Order 2020-01 to develop screening and social distancing protocols to limit exposure within the community and protect the individuals designated as part of the essential workforce.

The current pandemic, that has now reached the Saginaw County population, requires that each of us take measures to prevent further spread of COVID-19 in Saginaw County. Monitoring employees for symptoms of COVID-19 will provide employers with early notification that an employee may have the virus and will help prevent the spread of COVID-19 to other staff and to others in the community. Monitoring employees for close contact with a COVID-19 patient will also offer these same protections by alerting the employer to potential exposures. Social distancing strategies that include ensuring 6 feet of distance between employees in the workspace, between employees and customers, and between customers and other customers is a mitigation strategy recommended for all public encounters to offer protection from COVID-19.

It is important that every available strategy be utilized to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This order provides clear direction that employees should not work when experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, nor when they have high risk exposures. It further clarifies that social distancing measures must be utilized in all businesses to slow the spread of COVID-19. This is a difficult time for all and your efforts and services are greatly appreciated. If you have questions related to this order, please feel free to reach out to the Saginaw County Health Department COVID-19 hotline (989) 758-3828 or schd@saginawcounty.com