



## Ann Arbor Police Department

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On Monday, [Executive Order 2020-147](#) went into effect, requiring you to wear a face covering whenever you are in an indoor public space or crowded outdoor space. More specifically, it requires that businesses open to the public must refuse entry and service to anyone not wearing some type of face covering.

Chief Michael Cox would like you to know how the Ann Arbor Police Department will respond, should you report seeing someone violating the order. As with other previous orders, our goal is compliance through education.

### What the Order requires:

- Individuals are required to wear a face covering whenever they are in an indoor public space or crowded outdoor spaces.
- Any business that is open to the public must refuse entry or service to people who refuse to wear a face covering, with limited exceptions.
- Those who are exempt from wearing a mask in Michigan businesses include;
  - people younger than five years old
  - those who cannot medically tolerate a face covering
  - those who are eating or drinking while seated at a food service establishment
- Businesses must post signs at all entrances instructing customers of their legal obligation to wear a face covering while inside.
- A willful violation of the order is a misdemeanor subject to a \$500 criminal penalty, but no term of confinement may be imposed on individuals who violate the mask requirement. In Ann Arbor we aim to gain compliance through education when possible.
- No individual is subject to penalty under the order for removing a mask while engaging in religious worship at a house of religious worship, although consistent with guidance from the CDC, congregants are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings during religious services.

### If you see someone in violation:

- **If you are within a business and you see another customer in violation of the order:** We ask that you first address the management/owner of the business. The business is responsible for requiring masks and should have the opportunity to address their customers. It is possible that the individual without a mask is exempt from the requirement.
- **If you are in a crowded public space and individuals are in violation of the order:** Call 911. Our goal will be to gain compliance through education, offer a mask if available, or take appropriate enforcement action should it become necessary.
- **Where do I go if a business is violating the Executive Order?** Call 911.



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### **If you are a business owner:**

- Under the Governor's order, businesses must post signs at all entrances instructing customers of their legal obligation to wear a face covering while inside
  - In order to assist with this requirement, the Governor's office has shared this print-ready poster. It is available [online](#).
- LEO and the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) have a set of online resources at [Michigan.gov/COVIDWorkplaceSafety](http://Michigan.gov/COVIDWorkplaceSafety) that provides guidelines, posters for employees and customers, factsheets, educational videos and a [reopening checklist](#) to keep workplaces safe.
- If a customer refuses to wear a mask and refuses to leave, please do not direct your staff to confront customers refusing to wear a mask and refusing to leave. Instead, please call 911.

The Ann Arbor Police Department and our local law enforcement partners continue to work in close coordination with Washtenaw County Public Health. Please continue to rely on official sources of information for local (<http://www.a2gov.org>), state ([www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus)), and national (<http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19>) updates.