WAYNE COUNTY ISSUES ORDERS FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICE AND CHILDCARE EMPLOYEE SCREENING

WAYNE COUNTY – The Wayne County Public Health Division, on Thursday, March 26, issued two emergency orders mandating essential businesses designated by the Michigan Stay Home, Stay Safe Order (2020-21) to screen all employees for illnesses, exposure to the virus and establish protocols for social distancing within the workplace. To further protect those working in essential services and to slow the spread of the COVID-19, these measures are effective indefinitely and may be revised or supplemented according to the Michigan Public Health Code.

The County’s order directs these entities to ask employees of their current symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat or diarrhea), travel history and their contact with individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14-days and take temperature checks with a contactless thermometer.

If the answer is “yes” to any of these screening questions, the employee is not permitted to work onsite. Instead the employee should self-isolate or quarantine at home for:

- A minimum of 7 days since symptoms first appeared and 3 days after symptoms ceased;
- 14 days following close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19;
- 14 days following domestic or international travel;

For essential businesses, the order requires management to develop and implement a social distancing plan for employees, customers and essential visitors such as service personnel. This distancing plan includes shared workspaces and business waiting areas, inside or outside the facility.

An additional order requires screening protocols for childcare workers who provide care for children or dependents of critical infrastructure workers. The protocols include daily screening for staff and customers, parents and guardians of children begin cared for, and essential visitors of these establishments.

No social distancing is required for these businesses due to the nature of work. Non-essential visitors are prohibited from entering childcare facilities.

All businesses that are essential and are currently operating must adhere to these orders and post a copy of each at all entrances of their facilities to serve as visible public notice to all who enter. The measures will be enforced and violations are subject to citation and penalty as outlined by the Public Health Code.

For a copy of the Michigan Stay Home, Stay Safe order (2020-21), please visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus. For copies of the official Wayne County orders 20-01 and 20-02, please visit www.waynecounty.com.

For more information residents can call 734-287-7870, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM or 2-1-1 for information 24-hour, 7-days a week or by visiting the COVID-19 information page at www.waynecounty.com.

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