

Oct. 9, 2020

MI Supreme Court Ruling, Four Pillars, & MI HHS Order

Dear LSSU Community,

The Michigan Supreme Court advisory ruling of October 2, 2020 concluded that Governor Whitmer was not authorized to issue executive orders addressing COVID-19 after April 30, 2020. However, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued an emergency order on October 5, 2020 and again today, October 9, 2020, under the Michigan Public Health Code. This [Emergency Order](#) maintains the face covering mandate – among other health and safety protocols – previously outlined in executive orders. As a result, the Four Pillars of Laker Safety, remain in full effect as listed below.

1. **Social Distancing:** Maintain six feet of distance from those around you when possible.
2. **Mask/Face Covering:** Wear a mask or face covering over your nose and mouth when in any public indoor space and when outdoors and unable to maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of your household. *The circumstances in which individuals do not need to wear a face covering are outlined in the [MCL 333.2253 – Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order](#).*
3. **Sanitization:** Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds multiple times each day or use hand sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol. Sanitize at least twice daily your desk or workstation, high-frequency touch surfaces, and living spaces. Wipes are supplied across campus.
4. **Personal/ Social Responsibility:** Actively encourage those around you to adhere to these pillars while doing so yourself. Remember, we are in this together and we all have a role to play in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Please continue to enact the Four Pillars and embrace your responsibility to keep our communities safe.

Sincerely,

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