



October 6, 2020

To our families, guardians and employees

Subject: COVID UPDATE: Michigan Supreme Court Ruling

On October 5th the Michigan Supreme Court ruled against Governor Whitmer's Emergency Powers. This ruling has placed mandatory mask wearing in limbo. Community Alliance will continue to follow the order from the Public Health department from early March detailed below:

Effective Monday, October 5th, Washtenaw County Public Health, under their power ordered the following;

"The Washtenaw County Local Health Officer issues this Order pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.2453 as it has been determined that it is necessary to protect the public health from further spread of COVID-19 within Washtenaw County.

...

It is hereby ordered that:

1. Any individual who leaves their home or place of residence must wear a cloth face covering over their nose and mouth in the following instances:
 - a. When in any indoor public space; this includes all students in grades kindergarten through twelve; and
 - b. When in any non-residential indoor space, such as workplaces, and not able to consistently maintain 6 feet of social distance; and
 - c. When outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their household; and
 - d. When waiting for or riding on public transportation, while in a taxi or ride-sharing vehicle, school bus or when using a private car service as a means of hired transportation.
 - e. Athletes training for, practicing for, or competing in an organized sport must wear a facial covering (except when swimming) or consistently maintain 6 feet of social distance (except for occasional and fleeting moments).

The entire order is attached for your review.

Community Alliance will continue to mandate mask wearing in our office building and Supported Living Program work sites. Questions concerning this decision should be directed to me.

Sincerely,

Kathy Grant
Executive Director

<https://www.washtenaw.org/DocumentCenter/View/18276/Washtenaw-County-Issues-Local-Emergency-Orders-to-Keep-COVID-19-Precautions-in-Place?bidId=>