

COVID-19 Updated Guidelines to Open Fireworks Stores and Tents

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To: Fireworks Industry

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On May 21, 2020, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued [Executive Order 2020-97](#) safeguards to protect Michigan's workers from COVID-19. We are gradually resuming in-person work and activities that were suspended under prior orders. Businesses must do their part to protect their employees, their patrons and their communities. As such, Fireworks vendors may sell their product, however, the following guidelines must be followed and maintained until further notice.

[Employers must create a written exposure control plan](#) which includes exposure determination and outlines measures that will be taken to prevent employee exposure to COVID-19, including as appropriate:

- Engineering controls
- Administrative controls
- Hand hygiene and environmental surface disinfection
- Personal protective equipment
- Health surveillance
- Training

Incorporating the latest guidance for COVID-19 from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Governor's Executive Orders on reopening industries.

A key component to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is the ability for employers to provide adequate training on potential risk to their employees. Under these guidelines, MIOSHA encourages training that includes steps the employee must take to notify the employer of signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and reporting suspected or confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19. Employers are to provide updated training to employees if changes are made to its exposure control plan or new information becomes available about the transmission of COVID-19.

[Best practices employees need to follow](#) to be vigilant in protecting themselves from exposure to COVID-19:

- Wash hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water,
- Limit contact with others by remaining six feet apart,
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and tools routinely,
- Stay home if you or someone in your household is sick,

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, and
- Practice self-screenings to check for any symptoms.

MIOSHA has set up a toll-free number to provide additional support, utilizing experienced MIOSHA staff, to best answer questions from employers and workers to quickly respond to inquiries related to COVID for all involved. Employers and employees with questions regarding workplace safety and health may contact MIOSHA using the new hotline at 855-SAFEC19 (855-723-3219).

To report health and safety concerns in the workplace, go to www.michigan.gov/MIOSHAcomplaint.

Learn more about MIOSHA and their efforts to protect Michigan's workforce at Michigan.gov/MIOSHA.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at michigan.gov/coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

Please review and plan accordingly, to ensure the safety to staff and customers throughout the State of Michigan. Below are a few friendly reminders as many of you will start selling Consumer Fireworks across the state.

Consumer Fireworks Temporary (tents) and Permanent (store) Certificate Holders:

- The Consumer Fireworks certificate holder must create a written exposure control plan for their employees at either tents and stores. See [Executive Order 2020-97](#).
- Consumer Fireworks tent or store employees are required to wear face coverings to be worn when employees cannot consistently maintain six feet of separation from other individuals in the workplace.
- The selling of Consumer Fireworks online or by telephone **is not** permitted for a certificate holder of a Consumer Fireworks Temporary (Tent) certificate per Public Act (PA) 256. While a Temporary (tent) can advertise on the internet. ***The transfer of funds to pay for the fireworks and the pick-up of fireworks must occur at the Temporary (tent) location listed on the certificate.***
- Consumer Fireworks Permanent (Stores) Certificate holders. Online and telephone sales are not permitted. The customer can pay online however the fireworks must be picked up or shipped from the location for which one holds a valid Consumer Fireworks Permanent (Store) Certificate.
- Beginning at 12:01 on May 26, 2020, retail activities and sales of Consumer Fireworks by appointment in both tents and stores can occur, provided that the fireworks tent or store is limited to 10 customers at any one time. See [Executive Order 2020-96](#).