

Good Afternoon,

Today Governor Whitmer signed [Executive Order 2020-147](#). This order reiterates the previous requirement that individuals are required to wear a face covering whenever they are in an indoor public space. It also requires the use of face coverings in crowded outdoor spaces. Most significantly, the order requires any business that is open to the public to refuse entry or service to people who refuse to wear a face covering. In the Real Estate industry context, this Order will require that brokerages and associations that are open to the public must mandate that masks be worn as a condition of entry and service on the premises.

Specifically, Section 3 of the Executive Order requires the following measures:

1. No business that is open to the public may provide service to a customer or allow a customer to enter its premises, unless the customer is wearing a face covering as required by this order;
2. Businesses that are open to the public must post signs at entrance(s) instructing customers of their legal obligation to wear a face covering while inside;
3. A licensed business that allows persons who are not wearing a face covering to enter its premises or other public space to obtain service may have its license to operate suspended by the appropriate governmental department or agency.

In addition to its impact on brokerage offices and association offices, this Order reinforces the existing requirement that face coverings be worn at open houses. As to businesses, this order will take effect at 12:01 am on Monday, July 13.

The Order does provide specific exceptions to the face-covering requirement. We urge you to review the Order to determine if any of these exceptions apply for your respective business or circumstance. [Read Executive Order](#)

We will continue to keep you updated on Covid-19-related regulations that may arise.

Thank you,
Brian