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AG Nessel Issues Statement Addressing Order for Employers to Provide Employees with Face Coverings

LANSING, MICH. Although the latest Executive Order from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (2020-59) requires employers to provide appropriate face coverings to all of their onsite employees starting at midnight tonight, appropriate face coverings remain in high demand and short supply. When Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel was alerted to the problem earlier today, she issued the following statement:

"I know many business owners around the state are working hard to reopen and comply with the Governor's Executive Order. Securing appropriate face coverings by the Monday deadline, though, appears to be a difficult task for some businesses given limited supplies. Therefore, I am asking our law enforcement partners around the state to consider the good faith efforts of businesses that have tried, but have been unsuccessful, in obtaining appropriate face coverings when deciding whether to take criminal enforcement action against a non-compliant business. While businesses work diligently to find appropriate face coverings to meet the requirements of the Executive Order, I urge employees that can safely do so to use their own face coverings as protection until businesses provide face coverings as required by the Governor's order. The Governor's order requires that each of us – businesses and employees – work together to safely and successfully reopen our economy. We appreciate the cooperation of law enforcement, employers and employees as we strive to carefully and thoughtfully reopen our state, one step at a time."

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/Coronavirus).

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