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## **Ionia County Health Department Issues Public Health Recommendations**

*Strict compliance with this guidance is critical in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in places frequented by employees and residents*

The Ionia County Health Department has issued recommendations for Ionia County residents and businesses identified as critical service providers by the State of Michigan. These recommendations are designed to ensure that critical infrastructure workers are able to carry out normal operations while keeping themselves and the community safe:

- People with fever of 100.4 degrees F or greater and coughing unrelated to a chronic lung condition need to stay home until they are free of fever – without the aid of a fever-suppressant – for at least 72 hours and at least 7 days have passed since the symptoms began.
- Employers providing critical services exempt from the Governor’s Executive Order should take reasonable measures to space patrons and employees at least 6 feet apart, disinfect common touch points, and require ill employees to stay home.
- Persons knowingly exposed with close contact to an individual positively diagnosed with COVID-19 shall quarantine themselves at home for a period of 14 days since the date of last contact with the ill person.
- People should avoid public playground equipment and other physical features that promote common touch point experiences. We strongly recommend that owners and operators of public playground equipment place signs or other notices discouraging use of the equipment. If possible, we recommend closing public access to such equipment.

Nothing in these recommendations are meant to limit the operations of first responders and healthcare institutions, which may be mitigating risk in other ways while providing the most essential of services.

While this guidance does not fall under the umbrella of a public health order, the Ionia County Health Department is asking all Ionia County individuals and businesses identified as critical service providers to comply. It is imperative that individuals and critical service businesses understand that their compliance, or non-compliance, with the above recommendations will have a direct impact on the community spread of the COVID-19 virus.

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