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EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 2020-180

Amendment to the Safe Start order

The most recent version of the Safe Start order (Executive Order 2020-176) created a path for organized sports in Michigan to resume play, subject to COVID-19 safety precautions, including a requirement to wear a facial covering. This order clarifies that, in order to participate in organized sports, athletes must either wear a facial covering or consistently maintain six feet of social distance.

Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, I find it reasonable and necessary, for the reasons outlined above, to order:

1. Notwithstanding sections 2(b) and 2(d) of the Masks order (Executive Order 2020-153), section 13(c) of the Workplace Safeguards order (Executive Order 2020-175), or sections 2(a) and 6(a)(1) of the Safe Start order (Executive Order 2020-176), 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). For example, an athlete participating in a football, soccer, or volleyball game would not be able to consistently maintain 6 feet of distance, and therefore would need to wear a facial covering. Sports organizers must ensure that athletes comply with this section for each organized sporting event.

2. Section 7(b) of the Safe Start order (Executive Order 2020-176) is rescinded.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan.

Date: September 9, 2020

Time: 6:15 pm

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By the Governor:

SECRETARY OF STATE