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September 30, 2021

Orders Regarding Control and Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission in Educational Settings within Allegan County, Michigan

The Health Officer of Allegan County Health Department on August 18, 2021 and August 31, 2021 issued the following order:

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all Educational Institutions and all Persons in Educational Settings must adhere to the following rules:

- 1. The Educational Institutions shall ensure that children in kindergarten through grade six consistently and properly wear a facial mask covering both nose and mouth while inside any enclosed building or structure of the institution.
- 2. The Educational Institutions shall ensure that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, providing service to any child in kindergarten through grade six, and all persons providing service to students identified as medically fragile regardless of age, properly and consistently wear a facial mask while inside any enclosed building or structure of the institution.

Senate Bill 82, Section 250 states the director or a local health officer shall not issue or enforce any orders or other directives that require an individual in this state who is under the age of 18 to wear a face mask or face covering. Section 1222 Part 4 of Senate Bill 82 states if a local health officer has an emergency order under section 2453 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.2453, in effect as of October 1, 2021, the funds appropriated in part 1 for essential local public health services are unappropriated. This would not apply if a county board of commissioners passed a nonbinding resolution by a record roll call vote to support any emergency orders the local health officer has in effect on October 1.

The Allegan County Board of Commissioners did not provide a resolution to support this order. The Health Department will not be able to continue to provide mandated services without this funding. The Health Officer regrettably rescinds the mask order, however if Senate Bill 82, Section 1222 Part 4 and Section 250 are deem unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction or State Budget Director under the advice of the Attorney General declines to enforce these sections, the mask order may be reissued.

Dated: September 30, 2021

THIS ORDER is rescinded, effective at 5:00pm on September 30, 2021.

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Health Officer

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