



Media Statement | EO 2020-59 order to wear face masks when entering grocery stores

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Since the onset of COVID-19, SpartanNash has had two top priorities: the well-being and safety of our family of associates, customers, and communities; and supporting health officials and government leaders to contain the virus.

In early March, we formed a cross functional Coronavirus Preparedness Task Force and have implemented numerous sanitation, safety and hiring initiatives in accordance with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal, state, and local health officials. See full update [here](#).

Today, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive [Order 2020-59](#), extending the 'Stay Home and Stay Safe' directive through May 15, 2020. As part of the order, *persons in Michigan are now required to wear a face mask or hand made scarf over their nose and mouth when in any enclosed public space (such as a grocery store). All businesses also must provide non-medical grade masks to their frontline workers.*

As with prior Executive Orders, SpartanNash will comply with this order. For many weeks, we have been encouraging our associates to wear face masks and providing gloves while we worked diligently to secure a large quantity of masks. Beginning April 27, all frontline workers in our nine retail states and 14 distribution states will be required to wear a face mask we provide, or one they prefer from home.

Furthermore, we will continue our practice of conducting onsite health screenings of every associate who enters one of our 155 company-owned retail grocery stores, 18 distribution centers, and four corporate service centers; or operates one of our more than 800 tractor trailers. Anyone who does not pass the health screening is sent home with instructions on contacting their healthcare provider. SpartanNash has provided free telemed visits through the pandemic.

With respect to Governor Whitmer's executive order requiring customers to wear a face mask or hand-made scarf over their nose and mouth when inside the grocery store, SpartanNash's retail operations team will ensure compliance with this measure in the same manner as the 25% capacity limits. Over the past four weeks, SpartanNash has hired over 3,000 part and full-time retail and distribution center workers to respond to the increased demand for products, online and home delivery services, and around the clock deep cleaning and sanitation measures.

SpartanNash is the nation's fifth largest food distributor and a leading distributor of grocery products to U.S. military commissaries around the world. SpartanNash owns more than 150 grocery stores in nine states, operates 18 wholesale and military distribution centers in 14 states, and distributes to more than 2000 independent retail locations in all 50 states.