What phase of the Governor’s orders will enable restaurants to open up to full capacity that will minimize outside seating expansion needs?

Phase 6 is “back to normal” phase. It’s not going to happen until we’ve had a fully implemented phase 5. Phase 6 is post pandemic.

Is there any data that supports that the social district concept would increase business to all businesses in a downtown district?

We haven’t seen any reports on this. The purpose is more to address people’s comfort level in being in close proximity to others. Patrons can be more spread out outdoors.

Can local governments still apply for FEMA reimbursement for a grant program that was available recently?

Yes – the federal government has not closed the application date yet. It’s imperative that you contact the MI state police ASAP. They are the grant administrator for the state.

The ability to meet remotely expires June 30th, any word on if it will be extended?

We are having ongoing conversations with the Governor’s office regarding this. We sense it will be extended. We are also working on getting changes to the OMA to allow for virtual meeting when not in an emergency. Participation by the public has increased when councils have virtual meetings.

The real time updates from the Governor’s Office are appreciated, but it would help if they have a regular schedule for the release of new orders, etc. Example, new information or updated orders are released Monday mornings at 9:00 am or Fridays at 12:00 pm.

It would be helpful – but we haven’t seen anything like this.