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| City of Detroit Emergency Order on Open Meetings Act Set To Expire **Open Meetings Act Emergency Order will expire July 31, 2021**    **DETROIT, July 29, 2021--** In response to the public health emergency of COVID-19, Detroit's Chief Public Health Officer Denise Fair had previously issued an emergency public health order putting restrictions in place for Open Meetings Act. That emergency order will expire on July 31, 2021.  “Government bodies in Detroit that are subject to the Open Meetings Act will once again be meeting in person,” said Chief Public Health Officer Denise Fair. “Although we continue to monitor the increase in COVID-19 cases, we recognize the importance of conducting open and transparent government meetings”.  COVID-19 remains an imminent threat to the public, therefore safety measures are encouraged, including but not limited to social distancing, not exceeding the venue’s capacity, and taking precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.  A new order may be put into effect if necessary based on guidance from MDHHS (Michigan Department of Health and Human Services) and the increased threat of COVID-19 and its variants.  Log onto [https://detroitmi.gov/departments/detroit-health-department](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA3MjkuNDM4NjE0MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2RldHJvaXRtaS5nb3YvZGVwYXJ0bWVudHMvZGV0cm9pdC1oZWFsdGgtZGVwYXJ0bWVudCJ9.IfWKoYJ4YuFcl61wv2YYMFrVNUIPSjyoyS6cE9Zjy3w%2Fs%2F1517491498%2Fbr%2F110111765688-l&data=04%7C01%7Cgabrielle.grant%40detroitmi.gov%7Ce3b93980c23b49bd2c5508d952b29178%7Ce154a7601d2d4ef68fd3ebc8b4ef31fd%7C0%7C0%7C637631749196007721%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=UPJjN2YPg3%2BOdhUgWlPXMeHkdH5n4EtqDzECfop7lNk%3D&reserved=0) to stay updated with the latest information.  # # # |