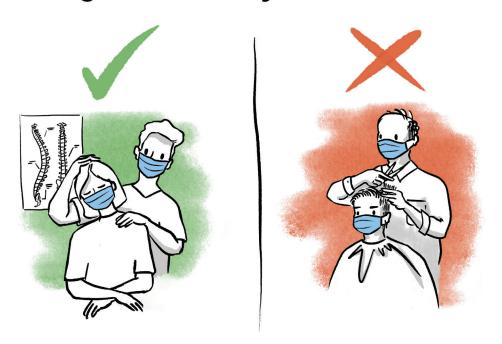
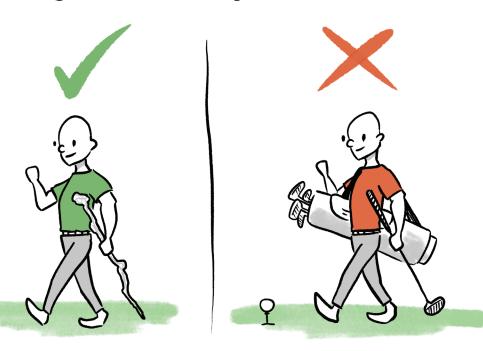
Michigan's Arbitrary Lockdown Rules in CARTOONS

While most people agreed that Michigan citizens and businesses needed to impose restrictions in order to fight the COVID-19 crisis, the executive orders locking down the state were often arbitrary and overly restrictive. To show some of the problems with the shutdown rules, Mackinac Center graphic designer, Ilia VanDerhoof, drew a series of cartoons. These were immensely popular — ultimately being seen and shared by hundreds of thousands of people in Michigan. Most of these regulations were ultimately revised by the governor.





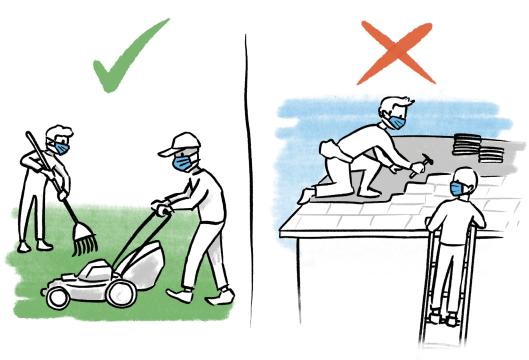
Chiropractors are allowed to carefully serve clients while following strict safety protocol. Barbers and cosmetologists, who could easily follow similar safety protocol, are outlawed.



"If they want to walk the course, I suppose they can, but with no golf clubs in their hands and no balls." – Michigan Attorney General spokesperson



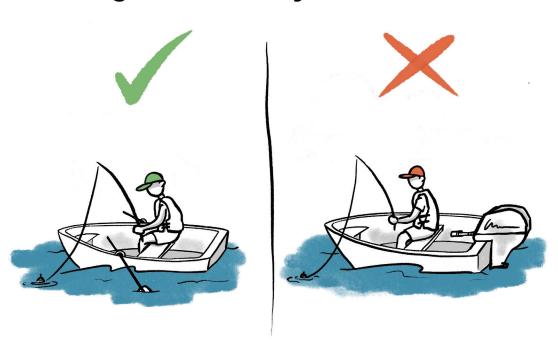
Home improvement stores under 50,000 square feet are allowed to sell plants and garden materials. Greenhouses are deemed non-essential.



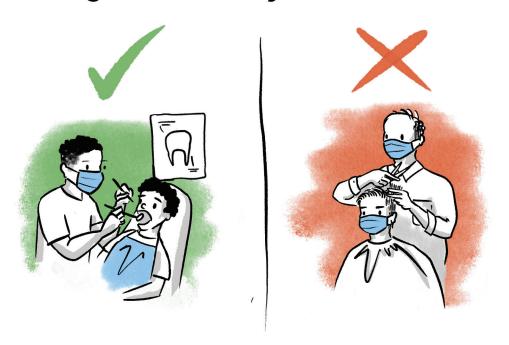
In Michigan, landscapers are now able to work. Roofers and other construction workers still cannot.



All car wash businesses were initially closed via executive order. Now, automatic car washes are allowed, but employees are still not allowed to wash cars themselves.



People can take out kayaks or sailboats but not small, one-person vessels with a motor.



While dentists can now open in Michigan, barbers and cosmetologists are forced to remain closed.



People can ride automobiles or bikes, but only car repair shops are deemed essential.