



## **Interim Order Summary**

**April 6, 2020**

The Court previously ordered that SORA is invalid for pre-2011 registrants, and that certain provisions, including the exclusion zones, are invalid for all registrants. The Court intended to delay the effective date of the judgement for 60 days to allow the legislature time to pass a new statute and to ensure that registrants got notice of their responsibilities.

The Court found that the COVID-19 pandemic has made it virtually impossible for the Michigan State Police to take the steps necessary to implement the judgment, that the legislature is not meeting in regular session, and that in person compliance with SORA is virtually impossible for registrants, and would violate physical isolation directives. The Court entered an **interim order** for the period of the pandemic. A final order will enter after the pandemic ends.

### **The interim order does the following:**

1. Law enforcement must immediately stop enforcing registration, verification, school zone violations, and fee violations in connected with Michigan's sex offender registry law from February 14, 2020 until the COVID-19 crisis has ended. NOTE: this order enjoins the enforcement of the registry but does NOT stop law enforcement from continuing to use the registry.
2. The COVID-19 crisis is considered ended:
  - a. When there is no longer an operative federal or state executive order or legislative act declaring a state of emergency, or when the Court determines that the conditions giving rise to the need for this Order no longer apply, and
  - b. Registrants are notified of their duties under Michigan's registry law going forward.
3. Within seven (7) days of this Order (April 13, 2020):
  - a. Michigan State Police shall post notice of this Order on their website and other locations where it can be seen widely by registrants.
  - b. The Prosecuting Attorneys Association Coordinating Counsel must provide notice of this Order to all Michigan's Prosecuting Attorneys.
  - c. Michigan State Police must provide notice of this Order to the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and to the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, who must send notice to all law enforcement personnel who are responsible for registry enforcement matters.
4. The attorneys involved in this case must report to the court every 30 days on the progress of this order. A final judgment will be entered after the pandemic ends.