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# Allegan and Kalamazoo Counties Issue Orders for Educational Settings

Two Southwest Michigan counties – Allegan and Kalamazoo– issue an order for their respective jurisdictions to control and prevent COVID-19 transmission in educational settings.

The two counties issue their orders pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.2451 and 333.2453, as well as R. 325.175(4), which is an administrative rule promulgated by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to MCL 333.2226(d). Details of each order is included below:

#### **Allegan County**

The Allegan County order requires that within educational institutions children in kindergarten through grade six must consistently and properly wear a facial mask covering both nose and mouth while inside any enclosed building or structure of the institution. The order also requires all persons, regardless of vaccination status, providing services to any child in kindergarten through grade six, and all persons providing services to students identified as medically fragile regardless of age, properly and consistently wear a face mask while inside any enclosed building or structure of the institution.

The order is effective immediately and remains in effect until six weeks past the date the COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and available to persons age five years through age eleven or until further notice from the Health Officer.

#### **Kalamazoo County**

The Kalamazoo County order requires that within educational institutions children in kindergarten through grade six must consistently and properly wear a facial mask covering both nose and mouth while inside any enclosed building or structure of the institution. The order also requires all persons, regardless of vaccination status, providing services to any child in kindergarten through grade six, and all persons providing services to students identified as medically fragile regardless of age, properly and consistently wear a face mask while inside any enclosed building or structure of the institution.

The order is effective immediately and remains in effect until six weeks past the date the COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and available to persons age five years through age eleven or until further notice from the Health Officer.

The most effective way to prevent transmission in schools is to support being vaccinated. Achieving high levels of COVID-19 vaccination among eligible students, as well as teachers, staff, and household members, is the most critical strategy to help schools stay open safely. Students younger than 12 years of age are currently ineligible to receive the vaccination. Therefore, the best protection strategy against COVID-19 that is available to this population are face masks. Face masks in schools are safe, essential, and a proven strategy to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in school settings. In addition to personal protection, a face mask captures exhaled respiratory droplets and aerosols that may contain the virus from being breathed in by others. Given the virus can spread from infected people who do not appear sick, masks remain essential. In addition to masks and vaccination, a layered protection strategy helps ensure a healthy learning environment, allowing students the best chance to remain healthy and physically present in the classroom setting.

Allegan and Kalamazoo County health departments continue to support the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians for indoor face masks for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. Both county health departments also support the CDC and MDHHS recommendations that everyone – fully vaccinated and unvaccinated – wear a mask indoors in public if in an area of substantial or high community transmission.

#### **Resources:**

- CDC Scientific Brief on Cloth Masks to Control the Spread of SARS-CoV-2: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/masking-science-sars-cov2.html</u>
- The ABC Science Collaborative findings from June 2021, prior to Delta Variant circulating in Michigan, determined, "masking is an effective strategy to prevent within-school transmission when COVID-19 is circulating and when vaccination is not yet available for all children." <u>https://abcsciencecollaborative.org/year-in-review-path-forward/</u>
- American Academy of Pediatrics: <u>https://www.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/</u>

#### For more information about COVID-19:

Allegan County Visit <u>www.allegancounty.org/covid</u> or call 269-673-5411.

Kalamazoo County Visit <u>www.kalcounty.com/</u> or call 269-373-5200.

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# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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# KALAMAZOO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

August 18, 2021

Emergency Order for Control and Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission in Educational Settings within Kalamazoo County, Michigan:

The Health Officer of Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department makes the following factual determinations and issues this Order pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.2451 and 333.2453, as well as R. 325.175(4), which is an administrative rule promulgated by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to MCL 333.2226(d). Factual findings include:

- 1. As of August 16, 2021, a total of 24,206 probable/confirmed cases and 407 probable/confirmed deaths attributed to COVID-19 have occurred in Kalamazoo County. Currently, the county is designated by the CDC as having a high level of community transmission of COVID-19; both test positivity and new case rates are increasing. The test positivity rate is 10.1% and the weekly case rate is 130.9 per 100,000 population (data from August 9-August 16, 2021).
- 2. The principal mode by which people are infected with SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) is through exposure to respiratory fluids carrying infectious virus. Exposure occurs in two main ways: (1) inhalation of very fine respiratory droplets and aerosol particles, and (2) deposition of respiratory droplets and particles on exposed mucous membranes in the mouth, nose, or eye by direct splashes and sprays.
- 3. People release respiratory fluids during exhalation (e.g., quiet breathing, speaking, singing, exercise, coughing, sneezing) in the form of droplets across a spectrum of sizes. These droplets carry virus and transmit infection.
- 4. The risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection varies according to the amount of virus to which a person is exposed. Once infectious droplets and particles are exhaled, they move outward from the source. The risk for infection decreases with increasing distance from the source and increasing time after exhalation.
- 5. Two main factors determine the amount of virus to which a person is exposed in the air or

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by touching a surface contaminated by virus:

- a. Decreasing the amount of virus in the air
- b. Progressive loss of viral viability and infectiousness over time influenced by environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, and ultraviolet radiation (e.g., sunlight).
- 6. Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from inhalation of virus in the air farther than six feet from an infectious source can occur. Although infections through inhalation at distances greater than six feet from an infectious source are less likely than at closer distances, these transmission events have involved the presence of an infectious person exhaling virus indoors for an extended time (more than 15 minutes and in some cases hours) leading to virus concentrations in the air space sufficient to transmit infections to people more than 6 feet away.
- 7. Available evidence continues to demonstrate that existing recommendations to prevent SARS-CoV-2 transmission remain effective. These include physical distancing, community use of well-fitting masks, adequate ventilation, and avoidance of crowded indoor spaces. These methods will reduce transmission both from inhalation of virus and deposition of virus on exposed mucous membranes.
- 8. Masks are primarily intended to reduce the emission of virus-laden droplets ("source control"), which is especially relevant for asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic infected wearers who feel well and may be unaware of their infectiousness to others, and who are estimated to account for more than 50% of transmissions. Masks also help reduce inhalation of these droplets by the wearer ("filtration for wearer protection"). The community benefit of masking for SARS-CoV-2 control is due to the combination of these effects; individual prevention benefit increases with increasing numbers of people using masks consistently and correctly.
- 9. The Delta variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus is the dominant variant in Michigan and is significantly more contagious than the original form that entered the United States in winter 2020. While the risk of severe disease is lower in children, low risk does not equal no risk. Among 23 states reporting, children ranged from 1.6%-3.5% of their total cumulated hospitalizations, and 0.2%-1.9% of all their child COVID-19 cases resulted in hospitalization. Additionally, nearly one half of these hospitalizations are in children without reported underlying health conditions.
- 10. The most effective way to prevent transmission in schools is to support your community being vaccinated. Achieving high levels of COVID-19 vaccination among eligible students, as well as teachers, staff, and household members, is the most critical strategy to help schools stay open safely. People 12 years and older are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. Students younger than 12 years of age are ineligible to receive vaccination.
- 11. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Centers for Disease Page 2 of 4

Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the universal use of masks in schools is a safe, essential, and proven strategy to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in schools.

12. When multiple prevention strategies are applied consistently, including ensuring ventilation for increased air exchange within a setting, proper and frequent hand-washing, and consistent and proper mask use, school-associated transmission of COVID-19 is reduced.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all Educational Institutions and all Persons in Educational Settings must adhere to the following rules:

- 1. The Educational Institutions shall ensure that children in kindergarten through grade six consistently and properly wear a facial mask covering both nose and mouth while inside any enclosed building or structure of the institution.
- 2. The Educational Institutions shall ensure that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, providing service to any child in kindergarten through grade six, and all persons providing service to students identified as medically fragile regardless of age, properly and consistently wear a facial mask while inside any enclosed building or structure of the institution.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following terms shall have the following definitions for purposes of this ORDER:

- 1. "Educational Institutions" or "Educational Settings" includes youth camps, youth programs, childcare centers, tutoring centers, preschools, primary through secondary schools, vocational schools, colleges, and universities and other organized activities outside the home where coursework is taught.
- 2. "Fully vaccinated persons" means persons for whom at least two weeks has passed after receiving the final dose of an FDA-approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine.
- 3. "Persons in Educational Settings" means students K through grade 6, teachers, administrative staff, attendees, volunteers or students older than grade 6 who may be present in the educational setting of younger students, coaches, camp leaders, and other employees or volunteers of Educational Institutions. This also applies to teachers and staff working with or in the classroom of medically fragile or students with developmental conditions of any age.

FURTHERMORE, this ORDER shall not apply to the following Persons:

- 1. Persons in the act of eating or drinking.
- 2. Persons outside if not engaged in activities involving direct physical contact.

- 3. Persons under the age of five years; however, supervised masking is strongly recommended for children who are at least two years of age.
- 4. Students with developmental conditions of any age attending school, although supervised masking is encouraged.
- 5. Teachers who are working with children who are hard of hearing or students with developmental conditions who benefit from facial cues. These teachers or staff must be vaccinated or comply with masking directive.
- 6. Persons who have a current medical reason confirmed in writing from a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) currently licensed to practice medicine in the State of Michigan.

#### IT IS FURTHER REMINDED that:

- 1. On January 29, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an ORDER that required face masks to be worn by all people while on public transportation (which included all passengers and all personnel operating conveyances) traveling into, within, or out of the United States and U.S. territories. That ORDER includes school buses, both public and private.
- 2. On July 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued recommendations calling for universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status, and independent of community transmission rates of COVID-19, due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant. The Kalamazoo County Health Department reminds Educational Institutions of this recommendation and encourages them to enact policies to this effect.
- 3. This order does not repeat, supersede, or rely on any current MDHHS or Federal Epidemic Orders, but as long as such orders remain in effect, they are incorporated by reference herein.

THIS ORDER is effective immediately and remains in effect until six weeks past the date the COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and available to persons aged five years through age eleven or until further notice from the Health Officer.

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Dated: August 18, 2021

James A. Rutherford, M.P.A Health Officer Kalamazoo County Health Department





# AVISO CONJUNTO PARA AVISO INMEDIATO 18 de Agosto, 2021

# Condados de Allegan y Kalamazoo Emitan Ordenes para Entornos Educacionales

Dos condados del suroeste de Michigan – Allegan y Kalamazoo emiten ordenes para que sus respectivas jurisdicciones controlen y prevengan la transmisión de COVID-19 en entornos educativos.

Los dos condados emiten sus órdenes de conformidad con el Código de Salud Pública de Michigan, MCL 333.2451 y 333.2453, así como con la R. 325.175 (4), que es una regla administrativa promulgada por el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos de Michigan de conformidad con MCL 333.2226 (d). Los detalles de cada pedido se incluyen a continuación:

## Condado de Allegan

La orden del condado de Allegan requiere que dentro de las instituciones educativas, los niños de jardín de infantes a sexto grado deben usar de manera constante y adecuada una máscara facial que cubra la nariz y la boca mientras estén dentro de cualquier edificio o estructura cerrada de la institución. La orden también requiere que todas las personas, independientemente del estado de vacunación, que brinden servicios a cualquier niño desde el jardín de infantes hasta el sexto grado, y todas las personas que brinden servicios a los estudiantes identificados como médicamente frágiles independientemente de su edad, usen una mascarilla de manera adecuada y constante mientras estén dentro de cualquier edificio cerrado. o estructura de la institución.

La orden entra en vigencia de inmediato y permanece en vigencia hasta seis semanas después de la fecha en que se autorizada la vacuna COVID-19 y está disponible para personas de cinco años a once años o hasta nuevo aviso del Oficial de Salud.

## Condado de Kalamazoo

La orden del condado de Kalamazoo requiere que dentro de las instituciones educativas, los niños de jardín de infantes a sexto grado deben usar de manera constante y adecuada una máscara facial que cubra la nariz y la boca mientras estén dentro de cualquier edificio o estructura cerrada de la institución. La orden también requiere que todas las personas, independientemente del estado de vacunación, que brinden servicios a cualquier niño desde el jardín de infantes hasta el sexto grado, y todas las personas que brinden servicios a los estudiantes identificados como médicamente frágiles independientemente de su edad, usen una mascarilla de manera adecuada y constante mientras estén dentro de cualquier edificio cerrado. o estructura de la institución.

La orden entra en vigencia de inmediato y permanece en vigencia hasta seis semanas después de la fecha en que se autorizada la vacuna COVID-19 y está disponible para personas de cinco años a once años o hasta nuevo aviso del Oficial de Salud.

La forma más eficaz de prevenir la transmisión en las escuelas es apoyar la vacunación. Lograr altos niveles de vacunación COVID-19 entre los estudiantes elegibles, así como los maestros, el personal y los miembros del hogar, es la estrategia más crítica para ayudar a que las escuelas permanezcan abiertas de manera segura. Los estudiantes menores de 12 años actualmente no son elegibles para recibir la vacuna. Por tanto, la mejor estrategia de protección frente al COVID-19 que está disponible para esta población son las mascarillas faciales. Las mascarillas en las escuelas son seguras, esenciales y una estrategia probada para reducir la propagación de COVID-19 en los entornos escolares. Además de la protección personal, una mascarilla captura las gotitas respiratorias exhaladas y los aerosoles que pueden contener el virus al ser inhalados por otros. Dado que el virus puede transmitirse de personas infectadas que no parecen estar enfermas, las mascarillas siguen siendo esenciales. Además de las máscaras y la vacunación, una estrategia de protección en capas ayuda a garantizar un entorno de aprendizaje saludable, lo que permite a los estudiantes la mejor oportunidad de permanecer saludables y físicamente presentes en el salón de clases.

Los departamentos de salud de los condados de Allegan y Kalamazoo continúan apoyando las recomendaciones del Centro para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC), el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos de Michigan (MDHHS), la Academia Estadounidense de Pediatría y la Academia Estadounidense de Médicos de Familia para interiores máscaras para todos los maestros, personal, estudiantes y visitantes de las escuelas K-12, independientemente del estado de vacunación. Ambos departamentos de salud de los condados también apoyan las recomendaciones de los CDC y MDHHS de que todos, completamente vacunados y no vacunados, usen una máscara en el interior en público si se encuentran en un área de transmisión comunitaria importante o alta.

## **Recursos:**

- CDC Scientific Brief on Cloth Masks to Control the Spread of SARS-CoV-2: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/masking-science-sars-cov2.html</u>
- Los hallazgos de ABC Science Collaborative de junio de 2021, antes de que Delta Variant circulara en Michigan, determinaron que "el enmascaramiento es una estrategia eficaz para prevenir la transmisión dentro de la escuela cuando COVID-19 está circulando y cuando la vacuna aún no está disponible para todos los niños.."

https://abcsciencecollaborative.org/year-in-review-path-forward/

 American Academy of Pediatrics: <u>https://www.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/</u> Para mas información sobre COVID-19: Condado de Allegan Visite www.allegancounty.org/covid o llame 269-673-5411.

#### Condado de Kalamazoo

Visite <u>www.kalcounty.com/</u> o llame 269-373-5200.

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# ALLEGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

August 18, 2021

Orders Regarding Control and Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission in Educational Settings within Allegan County, Michigan:

The Health Officer of Allegan County Health Department makes the following factual determinations and issues this Order pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.2451 and 333.2453, as well as R. 325.175(4), which is an administrative rule promulgated by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to MCL 333.2226(d). Factual findings include:

- 1. As of August 16, 2021, a total of 11,675 probable/confirmed cases and 159 probable/confirmed deaths attributed to COVID-19 have occurred in Allegan County. Currently, the county is designated by the CDC has having a high level of community transmission of COVID-19. The test positivity rate is 11.7% and the weekly case rate is 127 per 100,000 population (data from August 8-August 15, 2021).
- 2. The principal mode by which people are infected with SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) is through exposure to respiratory fluids carrying infectious virus. Exposure occurs in two main ways: (1) inhalation of very fine respiratory droplets and aerosol particles, and (2) deposition of respiratory droplets and particles on exposed mucous membranes in the mouth, nose, or eye by direct splashes and sprays.
- 3. People release respiratory fluids during exhalation (e.g., quiet breathing, speaking, singing, exercise, coughing, sneezing) in the form of droplets across a spectrum of sizes. These droplets carry virus and transmit infection.
- 4. The risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection varies according to the amount of virus to which a person is exposed. Once infectious droplets and particles are exhaled, they move outward from the source. The risk for infection decreases with increasing distance from the source and increasing time after exhalation.
- 5. Two main factors determine the amount of virus to which a person is exposed in the air or by touching a surface contaminated by virus:
  - a. Decreasing the amount of virus in the air

- b. Progressive loss of viral viability and infectiousness over time influenced by environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, and ultraviolet radiation (e.g., sunlight).
- 6. Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from inhalation of virus in the air farther than six feet from an infectious source can occur. Although infections through inhalation at distances greater than six feet from an infectious source are less likely than at closer distances, these transmission events have involved the presence of an infectious person exhaling virus indoors for an extended time (more than 15 minutes and in some cases hours) leading to virus concentrations in the air space sufficient to transmit infections to people more than 6 feet away.
- Available evidence continues to demonstrate that existing recommendations to prevent SARS-CoV-2 transmission remain effective. These include physical distancing, community use of well-fitting masks, adequate ventilation, and avoidance of crowded indoor spaces. These methods will reduce transmission both from inhalation of virus and deposition of virus on exposed mucous membranes.
- 8. Masks are primarily intended to reduce the emission of virus-laden droplets ("source control"), which is especially relevant for asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic infected wearers who feel well and may be unaware of their infectiousness to others, and who are estimated to account for more than 50% of transmissions. Masks also help reduce inhalation of these droplets by the wearer ("filtration for wearer protection"). The community benefit of masking for SARS-CoV-2 control is due to the combination of these effects; individual prevention benefit increases with increasing numbers of people using masks consistently and correctly.
- 9. The Delta variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus is the dominant variant in Michigan and is significantly more contagious than the original form that entered the United States in winter 2020. While the risk of severe disease is lower in children, low risk does not equal no risk. <u>Among 23 states reporting</u>, children ranged from 1.6%-3.5% of their total cumulated hospitalizations, and 0.2%-1.9% of all their child COVID-19 cases resulted in hospitalization.
- 10. The most effective way to prevent transmission in schools is to support your community being vaccinated. Achieving high levels of COVID-19 vaccination among eligible students, as well as teachers, staff, and household members, is the most critical strategy to help schools stay open safely. People 12 years and older are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. Students younger than 12 years of age are ineligible to receive vaccination.
- 11. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the universal use of masks in schools is a safe, essential, and proven strategy to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in schools.

12. When multiple prevention strategies are applied consistently, including ensuring ventilation for increased air exchange within a setting, proper and frequent hand- washing, and consistent and proper mask use, school-associated transmission of COVID-19 is reduced.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all Educational Institutions and all Persons in Educational Settings must adhere to the following rules:

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- 2. The Educational Institutions shall ensure that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, providing service to any child in kindergarten through grade six, and all persons providing service to students identified as medically fragile regardless of age, properly and consistently wear a facial mask while inside any enclosed building or structure of the institution.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following terms shall have the following definitions for purposes of this ORDER:

- a. "Educational Institutions" or "Educational Settings" includes childcare centers, tutoring centers, preschools, primary through secondary schools, vocational schools, colleges, and universities where coursework is taught.
- b. "Fully vaccinated persons" means persons for whom at least two weeks has passed after receiving the final dose of an FDA-approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine.
- c. "Persons in Educational Settings" means students kindergarten through grade 6, teachers, administrative staff, attendees, volunteers or students older than grade 6 who may be present in the educational setting of younger students, coaches, camp leaders, and other employees or volunteers of Educational Institutions. This also applies to teachers and staff working with or in the classroom of medically fragile or students with developmental conditions of any age.

FURTHERMORE, this ORDER shall not apply to the following Persons:

- 1. Persons in the act of eating or drinking.
- 2. Persons outside if not engaged in activities involving direct physical contact.
- 3. Persons under the age of five years; however, supervised masking is strongly recommended.

- 4. Students with developmental conditions of any age attending school, although supervised masking is encouraged.
- 5. Teachers who are working with children who are hard of hearing or students with developmental conditions who benefit from facial cues. These teachers or staff must be vaccinated or comply with masking directive.
- 6. A person with a disability who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, because of the disability as defined by the <u>Americans with Disabilities Act</u> (ADA, 42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*) and <u>Michigan Persons with Disabilities Act</u>.

#### IT IS FURTHER REMINDED that:

- 1. On January 29, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an ORDER that required face masks to be worn by all people while on public transportation (which included all passengers and all personnel operating conveyances) traveling into, within, or out of the United States and U.S. territories. That ORDER includes school buses, both public and private.
- 2. On July 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued recommendations calling for universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status. The Allegan County Health Department reminds Educational Institutions of this recommendation and encourages them to enact policies to this effect.
- 3. This order does not repeat, supersede, or rely on any current MDHHS or Federal Epidemic Orders, but as long as such orders remain in effect, they are incorporated by reference herein.

THIS ORDER is effective immediately and remains in effect until six weeks past the date COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and available to persons aged five years through age eleven, or until further notice from the Health Officer.

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Dated: August 18, 2021

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