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LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordered more Michigan businesses closed Saturday, including barber shops and hair salons, but continued to stop short of a blanket order telling residents to stay home except for essential purposes. Whitmer issued an executive order, which takes effect Monday, clarifying that all businesses providing "non-essential personal care services" must close through April 13, during the coronavirus crisis.

"These services include hair, nail, tanning, **massage**, spa, tattoo, body art and piercing services, and similar services that require individuals to be within six feet of each other," Whitmer's office said in a news release.

"This order does not apply to services necessary for medical treatment as determined by a licensed medical provider." Whitmer said COVID-19 "has created an unprecedented challenge to our way of life as Michiganders," and "that's why we are making decisions based on science and facts to protect public health and keep people safe."

"I know these changes will be hard, but they are temporary, and they are necessary to slow the spread of the virus and help save lives.