

2021 IN-PERSON BOATER SAFETY CLASS REQUIREMENTS

This year, the State of Michigan and Department of Natural Resources has allowed Recreation Safety Instructors to resume in-person safety classes. The Allegan County Sheriff's Office will once again be hosting classes throughout this spring and summer boating season at various locations throughout Allegan County.

Although in-person classes will resume, there will be some additional requirements for ALL students who wish to attend.

- 1. Pre-Registration:** Anyone wishing to participate in an in-person boater safety class MUST pre-register on the Sheriff's webpage at [Patrol - Marine \(allegancounty.org\)](http://allegancounty.org). During the registration process a valid contact number must also be included with the student's name. Pre-registration is required for the following reasons:
 1. Maintain seating and personal distancing.
 2. Obtain contact information for contact tracing purposes.
 3. Health screening with parents PRIOR to the start of class.
 4. Ability to notify students of last minute cancellations due to Governor's orders or health orders from MDHHS.
- 2. Health Screening:** Students registering for a boater safety class must pass a health screening prior to entry into the classroom. Anyone under the age of 18 MUST have a parent or legal guardian with them in order to answer the health screening questions. Parents / guardians do not need to stay with their student for the class and may leave once their student has passed the health screening. Those who wish to stay may do so but they must also pass the health screening. Anyone who does not pass screening will be denied into the classroom and will be directed to another class.
- 3. Masks / Face Coverings:** All students will be required to wear a face mask or covering during the class. Those who refuse or do not comply will not be allowed into class and be asked to leave.
- 4. Materials:** Students should bring their own No. 2 pencil with them to class. All other necessary materials will be provided by the instructor.

Below are the health screening requirements as outlined by the State of Michigan and the DNR.

COVID Pre-Course Medical Questions

In the past 14 days, have you or a family member been diagnosed with COVID-19?

Do you have any newly developed or worsening symptoms?

At least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shortness of breath• Cough• Difficulty breathing• Loss of smell• Loss of taste	or	At least two of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feverish• Chills• Muscle aches• Headache• Sore throat• Nausea or vomiting• Diarrhea• Fatigue• Congestion or running nose
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Is your body temperature above 100.4 °F?