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State Republican leaders and members of the Trump administration attack Governor as she tries to take necessary steps to combat COVID-19 surge.

LANSING, MI - Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D) is under attack from state and national Republicans over new restrictions in the state designed to blunt the rapid spread of the coronavirus.

The order, which took effect Wednesday, bars in-person classes for high schoolers and college students. It shuts down dine-in service for restaurants, and other indoor venues such as casinos and movie theaters must close for three weeks.

Michigan health officials said Wednesday the state has the sixth-highest number of COVID-19 cases in the country, and fifth highest number of deaths.

But even as cases and hospitalizations spike exponentially, state Republican leaders and members of the Trump administration say the new restrictions are a draconian overreach of Whitmer's authority.

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