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Proceeding With Caution

UPDATED STATEWIDE COVID-19 HEALTH ORDER FOR ALABAMA

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STAY AT HOME Current order expires on April 30th at 5 p.m.

SAFER AT HOME Goes into effect on April 30th at 5 p.m. and expires May 15th.

SAFER APART Goal

MORE UPDATES COMING SOON AS WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE COVID-19 SITUATION

CURRENT STAY AT HOME ORDER:

- INDIVIDUALS**
Ordered to stay at home except to meet basic needs
- EMPLOYERS**
Businesses closed except for those that meet a critical need or pose a minimal risk; sanitation and social-distancing rules and guidelines for remaining businesses
- RETAIL STORES**
Essential retail stores open subject to 50% occupancy rate, social-distancing and sanitation rules
- BEACHES**
Closed for all purposes
- MEDICAL PROCEDURES**
Postponed except for those deemed "necessary" under various criteria as determined
- NON-WORK GATHERINGS**
Limited to fewer than 10 persons with 6 feet of distance between persons. "Drive-in" gatherings permitted if participants stay in cars with people from their own households.
- SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS**
Regular programming suspended except meals available through curbside pick-up or delivery
- EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**
Closed to in-person instruction (except for daytime special activities programs)
- CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES**
Must not allow 12 or more children in a room
- HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES**
Must implement policies to restrict visitation
- RESTAURANTS, BARS AND BREWERIES**
Limited to take-out, curbside or delivery
- CLOSED**
— Entertainment venues (such as night clubs, theaters, bowling alleys)
— Athletic facilities and activities (such as fitness centers and commercial gyms)
— Close-contact service providers (such as barber shops, hair salons, nail salons, tattoo services)

SAFER AT HOME

- NEW UPDATES:**
- INDIVIDUALS**
Encouraged to stay home and follow good sanitation practices
- EMPLOYERS**
Businesses may open subject to sanitation and social-distancing guidelines; certain higher-risk businesses and activities remain closed
- RETAIL STORES**
All retail stores open subject to 50% occupancy rate, social-distancing and sanitation rules
- BEACHES**
Open except no gatherings of 10 persons or more and people must maintain 6 feet of separation
- MEDICAL PROCEDURES**
Allowed unless prohibited in the future by the State Health Officer to preserve resources necessary to diagnose and treat COVID-19; providers must follow COVID-19-related rules and guidance from state regulatory boards or public health authorities
- WHAT'S STAYING THE SAME:**
- NON-WORK GATHERINGS**
Still limited to fewer than 10 persons with 6 feet of distance between persons. "Drive-in" gatherings still permitted if participants stay in cars with people from their own households.
- SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS**
Regular programming still suspended except meals still available through curbside pick-up or delivery
- EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**
Still closed to in-person instruction (except for daytime special activities programs)
- CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES**
Still must not allow 12 or more children in a room
- HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES**
Still must implement policies to restrict visitation
- RESTAURANTS, BARS AND BREWERIES**
Still limited to take-out, curbside or delivery
- STILL CLOSED**
— Entertainment venues (such as night clubs, theaters, bowling alleys)
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For purposes of this paragraph, "non-work related gathering" includes church services, weddings, funeral services, social gatherings, concerts, festivals, sporting events, and similar events.

4. Protections for employees. Effective April 30, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., and unless otherwise permitted or required by this order, all employers shall take reasonable steps, where practicable as work duties permit, to protect their employees by:

a. avoiding gatherings of 10 employees or more;

b. maintaining six feet of separation between employees;

c. regularly disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces;

d. encouraging handwashing;

e. preventing employees who are sick from coming into contact with other persons;

f. facilitating remote working arrangements; and

g. minimizing employee travel.

5. Protections for customers, etc. Effective April 30, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., and unless otherwise permitted or required by this order, the operator of any business, government office, or other establishment open to the public shall take reasonable steps, where practicable, to protect their customers, constituents, or other guests by:

a. avoiding gatherings of 10 or more such persons;

b. maintaining six feet of separation between such persons (except for those persons who share the same household); and

c. regularly disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces.

6. Retailers. Effective April 30, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., all retail stores shall comply with the following rules:

a. **Emergency maximum occupancy rate.** Occupancy shall be limited to no more than 50 percent of the normal occupancy load as determined by the fire marshal. This "emergency maximum occupancy rate" shall be posted in a conspicuous place, and enough staff shall be posted at the store entrances and exits to enforce this requirement.

b. **Social distancing.** An employee of the retail store may not knowingly allow customers or patrons to congregate within six feet of one another.

c. **Sanitation.** The retail store shall take reasonable steps to comply with guidelines on sanitation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("the CDC") and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

- (iii) Waxing salons
- (iv) Threading salons
- (v) Nail salons and spas
- (vi) Body art facilities and tattoo services
- (vii) Massage therapy establishments and services (other than for medically prescribed services)

8. **Beaches.** Effective April 30, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., all beaches shall be open to gatherings of fewer than 10 persons, and anyone using the beaches must maintain a consistent six-foot distance between himself or herself and all persons from a different household. For purposes of this section, the term "beach" means the sandy shoreline area abutting the Gulf of Mexico, whether privately or publicly owned, including beach access points.

9. **Senior Citizen Centers.** Effective March 20, 2020, all regular programs at Senior Citizen Centers shall be ended except that Senior Citizen Centers and their partners are urged to assure that their clients continue to receive needed meals via curbside pick-up or delivery.

10. **Educational institutions and child day care facilities.** Effective March 20, 2020, the following shall be closed:

- a. In-person instruction or classes at all schools, public and private, including but not limited to: elementary, secondary, postsecondary, technical, or specialty schools, and colleges and universities.
 - (i) This order is not intended to prevent any employers from making continued necessary staffing decisions. Employers are authorized to advise employees to work from home or maintain flexible work schedules. If working from home is not feasible, the employee should practice social distancing, maintaining consistent six-foot distance between persons, for the duration of this order and follow public health guidelines.
 - (ii) This order shall not apply to daytime special activities programs provided by local boards of education for children, ages 6 through 12 as of March 13, 2020, of first responders (including EMS and fire services) and licensed health-care providers and their essential employees; and essential employees of the following categories of employers: state and local governments, law enforcement, hospitals, nursing home/long-term care facilities, (including assisted living and specialty-care assisted living facilities), end-stage renal disease treatment centers, pharmacies, and grocery stores. In these special activities programs, 12 or more children shall not be allowed in any one room at the same time, and operators of these programs are encouraged to use enhanced sanitation practices consistent with guidance from the CDC and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

14. **Duration.** This Order shall remain in full force and effect until 5:00 P.M. on May 15, 2020. Prior to 5:00 P.M. on May 15, 2020, a determination shall be made whether to extend this Order—or, if circumstances permit, to relax this Order.

15. **Preemption.** This Order supersedes and preempts all orders previously issued by the State Health Officer and Jefferson and Mobile County Health Officers concerning COVID-19 mitigation measures, and this Order shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded by order of the State Health Officer or its expiration. After the date this order is issued, the Jefferson and Mobile County Health Officers are authorized, after approval by the State Health Officer, to implement more stringent measures as local circumstances require.

This Order also supersedes and preempts any county and municipal orders or ordinances, whenever adopted, that purport to impose less stringent COVID-19-related curfew or quarantine measures.

Done on this 28th day of April, 2020.



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