



# St. Tammany Parish Government **OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT**

## *Executive Order*

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*St. Tammany Parish Government Contact: 985-898-2700*

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### **EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING PHASE II OF THE RECOVERY PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE PARISH-WIDE STATE OF EMERGENCY AS PER THE LOUISIANA HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER ACT, LA. REV. STAT. 29:721, *ET SEQ.*, AS TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19).**

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. Rev. Stat. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana and parish presidents emergency powers to prepare and cope with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that preparations will be adequate to cope with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, when the Parish President determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. Rev. Stat. 29:727 empowers him to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, La. Rev. Stat. 29:727(F) authorizes the Parish President to, among other things, suspend the provision of any regulatory ordinance prescribing the procedures for conduct of local business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any local agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, La. Rev. Stat. 29:727(F) further authorizes the Parish President to, among other things, control ingress and egress to and from the affected area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 25 JBE 2020, which declared a public health emergency to exist in the State of Louisiana as a result of the imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish President, Michael B. Cooper, on March 13, 2020, declared a parish-wide state of emergency due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 30 JBE 2020, which, among other things, ordered that all public gatherings of 50 or more persons be postponed or cancelled during the period from March 17, 2020 until April 13, 2020, due to the imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by COVID-19, closed certain business establishments, and limited access to restaurants and other dining establishments; and



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**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 33 JBE 2020, which, among other things, ordered a statewide stay-at-home directive, limited all gatherings to 10 persons or less, and closed or reduced operations for certain businesses, all due to the imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish President, Michael B. Cooper, on March 23, 2020, issued an Executive Order which, among other things, ordered a parish-wide stay-at-home directive and limited all gatherings to 10 persons or less; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 41 JBE 2020, which, among other things, extended the statewide stay-at-home directive, limitations of all gatherings to 10 persons or less, and closed or reduced operations for certain businesses, until April 30, 2020, or as extended by subsequent order; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish President, Michael B. Cooper, on April 7, 2020, issued an Executive Order which, among other things, extended the parish-wide stay-at-home directive until April 30, 2020 and implemented additional safety measures; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 52 JBE 2020, extending the statewide stay-at-home directive until May 15, 2020, or as extended by subsequent order; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish President, Michael B. Cooper, on April 30, 2020, issued an Executive Order which, among other things, extended the parish-wide stay-at-home directive until May 15, 2020 and implemented additional safety measures; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 14, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 58 JBE 2020, initiating Phase 1 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish President, Michael B. Cooper, on May 15, 2020, issued an Executive Order which terminated the parish-wide stay-at-home directive and initiated Phase I of the Parish's recovery plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 74 JBE 2020, initiating Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish President, Michael B. Cooper, on June 5, 2020, issued an Executive Order which initiated Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 25, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 83 JBE 2020, extending Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan for twenty-eight (28) days, until July 24, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, to timely and effectively meet the dangers presented by the emergency, while also initiating Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan, it is necessary to provide for the reopening of certain businesses and for certain safety measures for the protection of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish.

**IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to the authority vested in him through the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. Rev. Stat. 29:721, *et seq.*, specifically La. Rev. Stat. 29:727 (F), Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that



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vulnerable individuals, as defined in Proclamation No. 83 JBE 2020, should continue to shelter in place unless traveling for an essential activity such as:

1. Obtaining food, medicine, and other similar goods necessary for the individual or a family member of the individual.
2. Obtaining medical care and treatment and other similar vital services for an individual or a family member of the individual.
3. Going to and from an individual's workplace.
4. Going to and from the home of a family member.
5. Going to and from an individual's place of worship.
6. Engaging in outdoor activity, provided individuals maintain a distance of six feet from one another.

All individuals shall avoid gathering in groups of a size that does not allow for social distancing, practice moderate social distancing when in public, refrain from visiting senior facilities or hospitals, and are strongly encouraged to wear masks or facial coverings at all times when interacting with other members of the public. Large indoor gatherings shall be limited to no more than 250 people in a single indoor space at the same time where individuals will be in close proximity to one another and unable to maintain social distancing. However, social distancing shall be practiced in any crowd size.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that all businesses and entities performing essential activities pursuant to guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19> shall continue to operate as previously allowed. All owners and employees at such businesses shall maintain strict social distancing between themselves and members of the public and shall wear face coverings at all times if interacting with the public.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that the following nonessential businesses **shall remain closed** to the public and members:

Certain places of public amusement, including but not limited to, locations with amusement rides; carnivals; amusement parks; splash pads; water parks; trampoline parks; arcades; fairs and festivals; children's play centers; overnight youth camps; indoor playgrounds; theme parks; concert and music halls; adult entertainment venues; and other similar businesses.

Businesses closed to the public pursuant to this order shall not be prohibited from conducting necessary activities such as payroll, cleaning services, maintenance or upkeep as necessary.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that bars and breweries which do not hold an LDH food service certificate may operate at 25 % of total occupancy as defined by the State Fire Marshal, with strict social distancing and as further described in Proclamation 83 JBE 2020.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that the following establishments shall be allowed to operate at 50 % of total occupancy as defined by the State Fire Marshal and as further described in Proclamation 83 JBE 2020:



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Churches and other faith-based organizations;  
Restaurants, coffee shops, cafes;  
Beauty shops, nail salons, and barber shops;  
Massage establishments, spas, and tattoo establishments (under LDH guidance),  
esthetician services (under Cosmetology Board guidance);  
Casinos and video poker establishments (limited to 75 % gaming positions which are at  
least 6 feet apart from one another unless separated by a physical barrier, and upon  
approval by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board), and racetracks (upon approval  
by the Louisiana Racing Commission);  
Pool halls, bowling alleys and skating rinks (children must be accompanied by an adult);  
Bars and breweries which hold an LDH food service certificate;  
Health club gyms and fitness centers;  
Shopping malls (including food courts following restaurant guidance);  
Movie theatres;  
Museums (including childrens' museums), zoos, aquariums (no tactile exhibits);  
Event Centers and wedding venues;  
Outdoor playgrounds and play centers (children must be accompanied by an adult); and  
All non-CISA and non-closed businesses in compliance with Proclamation 83 JBE 2020.

In addition to the requirements imposed by Proclamation No. 83 JBE 2020, the above-listed establishments located in St. Tammany Parish shall comply with the following safety guidelines:

Owners and employees who interface with the public to wear masks or face coverings and are strongly encouraged to require all other employees to wear masks as well;  
Customers/clients are strongly encouraged to wear masks or face coverings;  
Places of business are encouraged to check temperatures of employees before entering onsite workplaces;  
Places of business should consider checking temperatures of customers/clients before entering;  
Hand sanitizer must be available at the entrance of each place of business including retail stores, gas stations, banks, etc.;  
Places of business will sanitize all frequently touched areas (including fuel pumps, door handles, checkout counters and credit card readers, bathrooms, etc.) no less than once a day or at shift changes. In addition, businesses are encouraged to eliminate as many touch points as possible for items such as doors, trash cans, etc.;  
Places of business will sanitize shopping carts and baskets;  
Individuals are to remain at least six feet apart from other individuals at all times;  
Places of business should mark flooring with tape or other indicator where individuals wait to be served;  
Retailers are to add plastic shields/barriers between cashiers and individuals at checkout counters as an extra level of protection; and  
Places of business should post all COVID-19 guidelines in conspicuous places such as at entrances, checkouts, on websites, and social media to make the public aware of precautions.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that the Fishing Pier, Camp Salmen, and the Tammany Trace shall continue to operate with the implementation of strict social distancing requirements.



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**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that recreational sporting leagues and organized sporting events at public ball fields, gymnasiums, parks and facilities shall operate with the implementation of strict social distancing requirements.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Executive Order shall remain in effect from June 26, 2020 until July 24, 2020, or as otherwise provided in a subsequent Executive Proclamation or Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any person or entity who interrupts or interferes with the control of the Parish and/or Parish President shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

At Mandeville, Louisiana, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020 at 1:55 p.m.

Michael B. Cooper  
Parish President

**NOTICE POSTED AT:**

St. Tammany Parish web-page: stpgov.org  
and  
21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, La.  
and  
510 E. Boston Street, Covington, La.  
and  
701 N. Columbia Street, Covington, La  
and  
520 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, La

Sworn and subscribed before me,

(Notary Public)

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

EMILY COUVILLON