



St. Tammany Parish Government **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

Executive Proclamation

Emergency Operations Center Contact: 985-898-2359

EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION EXTENDING STAY-AT-HOME ORDER UNTIL MAY 15, 2020 AND IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES DUE 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

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



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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 27, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards announced that he would issue an additional Proclamation on May 1, 2020, extending the statewide stay-at-home directive until May 15, 2020, or as extended by subsequent order; and

WHEREAS, there is reason to believe that COVID-19 may be spread amongst the population by various means of exposure, therefore posing a high probability of widespread exposure and a significant risk of substantial future harm to St. Tammany Parish citizens; and

WHEREAS, to timely and effectively meet the dangers presented by the emergency, it is necessary to extend the parish-wide stay-at-home directive until May 15, 2020, and to implement further 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 beginning on March 24, 2020 and continuing until May 15, 2020, gatherings of more than 10 people shall be postponed or cancelled. Such restriction does not apply to normal operations at businesses such as airports, medical facilities, office buildings, factories or manufacturing facilities, or grocery stores.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that all individuals within the Parish of St. Tammany, including St. Tammany Parish Government non-essential employees, are under a general stay-at-home mandate until May 15, 2020, and are ordered to stay at home unless performing an essential activity. An activity is essential if its purpose is one of the following:

- A. Obtaining food, medicine, and other similar goods necessary for the individual or a family member of the individual.
- B. Obtaining elective or non-elective medical care and treatment and other similar vital services for an individual or family member of the individual.
- C. Going to and from an individual's workplace to perform a job function necessary to provide goods or services being sought in (A) and (B) above, or as otherwise deemed essential worker functions. Guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) on which workers



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are essential is provided at <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>.

- D. Going to and from the home of a family member.
- E. Going to and from an individual's place of worship.
- F. Engaging in outdoor activity, provided individuals maintain a distance of six feet from one another and adhere to the less-than-10-person limitation on gathering size.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any stores or retail establishments located in St. Tammany Parish and allowed to continue operations pursuant to either Governor John Bel Edwards' Proclamation No. 33 JBE 2020, Proclamation No. 41 JBE 2020, or the guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), shall take the following precautions in an effort to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish:

- A. Individuals **may** go to the grocery store, pharmacy, medical appointments, restaurants for takeout only, retail stores, and care for family/friends.
- B. Individuals **may not** visit hospitals and nursing homes, gather in groups of more than 10, fail to maintain social distancing of six feet, or make non-essential trips outside the home.
- C. All operating essential businesses and non-essential retailers across all industries should be following the following basic guidelines:
 - 1. Employers will require employees to wear masks or face coverings
 - 2. Customers/clients are strongly encouraged to wear masks or face coverings
 - 3. Places of business should consider checking temperatures of employees before entering onsite workplaces
 - 4. Places of business should consider checking temperatures of individuals before entering
 - 5. Hand sanitizer available at the entrance of each place of business including retail stores, gas stations, banks, etc.
 - 6. 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.
 - 7. Places of business will sanitize shopping carts and baskets after each use
 - 8. Individuals are to remain at least six feet apart from other individuals at all Times
 - 9. Places of business should mark flooring with tape or other indicator where individuals wait to be served
 - 10. Retailers are to add plastic shields/barriers between cashiers and individuals at checkout counters as an extra level of protection.
 - 11. Places of business should reduce their capacity, either by a fraction of total capacity or based on square footage, i.e. one individual per 113 square feet (that represent the six-foot radius for social distancing) and 25% of the Fire Marshal's capacity limit.
 - 12. 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.
 - 13. Non-essential businesses (including retailers) that are not specifically referenced as restricted in the existing Executive Stay-at-Home Order may operate by adhering to the above essential business guidelines, maintaining



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- strict social distancing and the 10 customer per store limitation.
- D. Time-sensitive elective surgeries can resume, as clinically appropriate, on an outpatient basis at facilities that adhere to CMS guidelines.
 - E. Malls shall remain closed, but stores may provide for curbside delivery in conformance with the Governor’s proclamation of May 1, 2020.
 - F. Restaurants will be allowed to open their outside areas for patrons to eat meals only, without tableside service.

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 30th day of April 2020 at 2:21 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.

Sworn and subscribed before me,

(Notary Public)

On this 30th day of April, 2020.

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