



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

Executive Order

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER TERMINATING STAY-AT-HOME ORDER AND IMPLEMENTING PHASE I 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, to timely and effectively meet the dangers presented by the emergency, while also initiating Phase I 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 the general stay-at-home order which began on March 24, 2020 shall be lifted effective May 15, 2020. However, vulnerable individuals, as defined in Proclamation No. 58 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.



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All individuals shall avoid gathering in groups of a size that does not allow for social distancing, maximize distance when in public to no less than 6 feet, refrain from visiting senior facilities or hospitals, and minimize non-essential travel.

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:

- a) All places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors, including but not limited to, locations with amusement rides; carnivals; amusement parks; water parks; trampoline parks; arcades; fairs; pool halls; recreational sporting leagues and organized sporting events at public ball fields, gymnasiums, parks and facilities; children's play centers; playgrounds; overnight youth camps; theme parks; concert and music halls; adult entertainment venues; bowling alleys; bars and breweries without an LDH food service permit; and other similar businesses.
- b) Certain personal care and grooming businesses including massage establishments and spas, tattoo parlors, 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 the following establishments shall be allowed to operate at 25 % of total occupancy as defined by the State Fire Marshal and as further described in Proclamation 58 JBE 2020:

Churches and other faith-based organizations;
Restaurants, coffee shops, cafes;
Beauty shops, nail salons, and barber shops;
Casinos, racetracks, and video poker establishments;
Bars and breweries which hold an LDH food service certificate;
Health club gyms and fitness centers;
Shopping malls;
Expanded government services; and
All non-CISA and non-closed businesses in compliance with Proclamation 58 JBE 2020.

In addition to the requirements imposed by Proclamation No. 58 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;



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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 operate with the implementation of strict social distancing requirements.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order shall remain in effect from May 15, 2020 until June 5, 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 15th day of May 2020 at 2:00 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 15th day of May, 2020.

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