



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

Executive Proclamation

Emergency Operations Center Contact: 985-898-2359

EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION EXTENDING STAY-AT-HOME ORDER UNTIL APRIL 30, 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, 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 April 30, 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 April 30, 2020, gatherings of 10 people or more 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; and

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 employees, are under a general stay-at-home mandate until April 30, 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 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 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 business which does not meet the description of an essential business pursuant to either Governor John Bel Edwards' Proclamation No. 33 JBE



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2020, Proclamation No. 41 JBE 2020, or the guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), shall cease any and all operations which violate the stay-at-home order or restrictions on gatherings, effective April 8, 2020 and shall remain closed until April 30, 2020.

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 of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish:

- A. Provide hand sanitizer and/or sanitizer wipes to all customers at entrances and exits;
- B. Provide markings on the floor at registers indicating six foot distances between customers waiting to checkout;
- C. Instruct customers to maintain a distance of six feet from one another at all times; and
- D. Restrict group shopping to the extent that multiple individuals may not shop together unless one or more of the individuals has a physical or mental condition that requires the assistance of another person, or unless the customer is an adult with a child or children which require supervision.

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 7th day of April 2020 at 3:05 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 7th day of APRIL, 2020.

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