



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

Executive Order

Emergency Operations Center Contact: 985-898-2359

EXECUTIVE STAY-AT-HOME ORDER 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 COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President, Michael B. Cooper, on March 13, 2020, declared a parish-wide state of emergency due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (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 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



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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, and in an effort to cooperate fully with the Governor's Proclamation No. 33 JBE 2020, it is necessary to immediately enter a stay-at-home order for the entire Parish of St. Tammany, and to restrict gatherings to less than 10 people.

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 further notice, 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 are under a general stay-at-home mandate, 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 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.



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At Mandeville, Louisiana, this 23rd day of March 2020 at 9:45 A.m.

Handwritten signature of Michael B. Cooper in blue ink.

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,

Handwritten signature of Emily Covillon in blue ink.

(Notary Public)

On this 23rd day of March 2020.

EMILY COVILLON
LA BAR No. 31114