



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

Executive Order

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN PHASE III RESTRICTIONS OF THE PARISH'S RECOVERY PLAN, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 4, 2021, 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 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 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 , 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



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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 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 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 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 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 on June 26, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order which extended Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan until July 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 89 JBE 2020, which imposed mandatory masks or facial coverings in public and other restrictions, and on July 13, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order which mandated the wearing of facial coverings in public and imposed other restrictions; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 96 JBE 2020, extending Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan and the additional restrictions imposed by Proclamation No. 89 JBE 2020 for fourteen (14) days, until August 7, 2020, and on July 24, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order which extended Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan until August 7, 2020 and imposed other restrictions; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 101 JBE 2020, extending Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan and the additional restrictions for twenty-one (21) days, until August 28, 2020, and on August 7, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order which extended Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan and additional restrictions until August 28, 2020; and



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WHEREAS, on August 26, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 110 JBE 2020, extending Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan and the additional restrictions until September 11, 2020, and on August 28, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order which extended Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan and additional restrictions until September 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 117 JBE 2020, initiating Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan for twenty-eight (28) days, until October 9, 2020, and on September 14, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order which initiated Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan until October 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 123 JBE 2020, amending Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan in order to allow for the service and sales of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. for those entities entitled to do so pursuant to Proclamation Nos. 117 JBE 2020 and 123 JBE 2020, and on September 21, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order amending Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan in order to allow for the service and sales of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. for those entities entitled to do so pursuant to Proclamation Nos. 117 JBE 2020 and 123 JBE 2020; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order which reopened bars in the Parish under Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan until October 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 134 JBE 2020, extending Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan until November 6, 2020, and on October 9, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order extending Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan until November 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 143 JBE 2020, which provided that outdoor athletic events and venues for elementary and secondary school athletics shall be allowed up to 50% of the total occupancy of the outdoor athletic venue if the parish meets certain conditions, and, the Parish having met those conditions, on October 23, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order allowing up to 50% of the total occupancy of the outdoor athletic venues for elementary and secondary school athletics; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 158 JBE 2020, extending Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan until December 4, 2020, and on November 6, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise extending Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan until December 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to a rise in the infection rate of COVID-19 in Louisiana, on November 24, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 168 JBE 2020, initiating a modified version of Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan until December 23, 2020, and on November 30, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise initiating a modified Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan until December 23, 2020; and



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WHEREAS, on December 22, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 209 JBE 2020, extending a modified version of Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan until January 13, 2021, and on December 23, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise extending the modified Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan until January 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 6 JBE 2021, extending a modified version of Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan until February 10, 2021, and on January 13, 2021, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise extending the modified Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan until February 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 17 JBE 2021, extending a modified version of Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan until March 3, 2021, and on February 11, 2021, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise extending the modified Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan until March 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021, initiating Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan, effective until March 31, 2021, and on March 4, 2021, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise initiating Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan until March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 66 JBE 2021, modifying Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan, effective until April 28, 2021, and on March 31, 2021, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise modifying Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan until April 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 79 JBE 2021, modifying certain restrictions of Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan, effective until May 26, 2021, and on April 28, 2021, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise modifying certain restrictions of Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan until May 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 93 JBE 2021, modifying certain restrictions of Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan, effective until June 23, 2021, and on May 26, 2021, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise modifying certain restrictions of Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan until June 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 117 JBE 2021, modifying certain restrictions of Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan, effective until July 21, 2021, and on June 30, 2021, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise modifying certain restrictions of Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan until July 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 131 JBE 2021, extending certain restrictions of Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan, effective until August 11, 2021, and on July 23, 2021, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise extending certain restrictions of Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan until August 11, 2021; and



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WHEREAS, on August 2, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 137 JBE 2021, reinstituting certain restrictions of Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan, effective until September 1, 2021, and

WHEREAS, to effectively meet the dangers presented by the emergency and protect the health and safety of the people of the Parish, it is necessary to modify the Parish's current Phase III restrictions by reinstating certain masking requirements, effective until September 1, 2021.

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 vulnerable individuals, as defined in Proclamation No. 137 JBE 2021, 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.

IT IS FURTHER 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), and in conformity with Proclamation No. 137 JBE 2021, Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that individuals in St. Tammany Parish, including within all municipal boundaries, shall wear face masks or face coverings which cover the nose and mouth in the following situations:

- When inside any place except a private residence; and
- When riding in public or commercial transportation or paratransit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following individuals shall be **EXEMPT** from the requirement to wear a face mask or facial covering:

- Persons younger than five years old not enrolled in a kindergarten program, however all children between the ages of two and five years old are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering;
- Persons with a medical condition that prevents the wearing of a face covering;
- Persons communicating with a person who has or is suspected of having a communication disorder;
- Persons who are consuming food or drinks;
- Persons who will not come in contact with any other individual (outside of their immediate household members) or who will be able to maintain strict social distancing of six feet apart from any other individual (outside of their immediate household members);
- Persons giving a speech for broadcast or to an audience;
- Persons temporarily removing his or her face covering for identification purposes; and



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- Any athlete participating in organized athletic activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all businesses or organizations, including governmental offices, shall require all persons who enter the premises to wear a face covering, unless not required to by this Executive Order or Executive Proclamation No. 137 JBE 2021;


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that enforcement of these requirements shall be handled by any authorized enforcement agency and in the manner as described in Proclamation No. 137 JBE 2021;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, maintains the authority to assume total control of the Parish including, but not limited to, all private and public properties and utilities necessary to ensure the safety, health and welfare of the citizens and property of this Parish and to issue all necessary orders;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order shall remain in effect until September 1, 2021 or until terminated by subsequent Executive Proclamation or Order; and

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

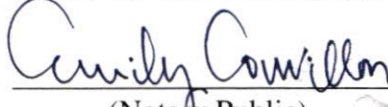
At Mandeville, Louisiana, this 3rd day of August 2021 at 11:10 a.m.


Michael B. Cooper
Parish President

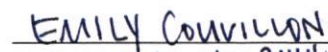
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510 E. Boston Street, Covington, La.
and
701 N. Columbia Street, Covington, La
and
520 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, La

Sworn and subscribed before me,


(Notary Public)

On this 3rd day of Aug., 2021.


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