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GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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STATE OF EMERGENCY

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease causing illness that can range from very mild to severe, including illness resulting in death, and many cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Commonwealth.

The Kentucky Constitution and Kentucky Revised Statutes, including KRS Chapter 39A, empower me to exercise all powers necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population, including the power to command individuals to disperse from the scene of an emergency and to perform and exercise other functions, powers, and duties necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population. Under those powers, I declared by Executive Order 2020-215 on March 6, 2020, that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has concluded that COVID-19 most commonly spreads during close contact between people, and can sometimes be spread through airborne transmission, particularly among individuals in enclosed spaces. As a result, scenes of emergency exist where people gather together, potentially spreading COVID-19.

Kentucky is now experiencing a potentially catastrophic surge in COVID-19 cases, which threatens to overwhelm our healthcare system and cause thousands of preventable deaths. Despite Red Zone Reduction Recommendations, Kentucky is faced with exponential growth of COVID-19 cases.

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1. All prior orders and restrictions remain in full force and effect, except as modified below. In particular, all Kentuckians should continue to wear face coverings to protect themselves and others, as set forth in Executive Order 2020-931 (and any order renewing it) and 902 KAR 2:210E. Current guidance and restrictions shall continue to apply to any activity not listed below.

2. This Order does not apply to education, childcare, or healthcare, which operate under separately issued guidance and orders. Current guidance for all entities is available online at the Healthy at Work website (https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-healthy-at-work).

3. These restrictions shall take effect on Friday, November 20, 2020, at 5 p.m. local time, and shall expire on Sunday, December 13, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. local time.

4. **Restaurants and Bars.** All restaurants and bars must cease all indoor food and beverage consumption. Restaurants and bars may provide delivery and to-go service to the extent otherwise permitted by law. Restaurants and bars may provide outdoor service, provided that all customers are seated at tables, table size is limited to a maximum of eight (8) people from a maximum of two (2) households, and tables are spaced a minimum of six (6) feet apart. For the avoidance of doubt, this restriction applies to indoor dining facilities at retail locations, including food courts. A household is defined as individuals living together in the same home. Additional guidance for outdoor dining is available online at the Healthy at Work website (https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-healthy-at-work).

5. **Social Gatherings.** All indoor social gatherings are limited to a maximum of two (2) households and a maximum of eight (8) people. A household is defined as individuals living together in the same home.

6. **Gyms, Fitness Centers, Pools, and Other Indoor Recreation Facilities.** Gyms, fitness centers, swimming and bathing facilities, bowling alleys, and other indoor recreation facilities must limit the number of customers present inside any given establishment to 33% of the maximum permitted occupancy and ensure that individuals not from the same household maintain six (6) feet of space between each other. Indoor group activities, group classes, team practices, and team competitions are prohibited. Notwithstanding 902 KAR

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and follow the Guidelines for Places of Worship available online at the Healthy at Work website (https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-healthy-at-work).

8. **Professional Services.** All professional services and other office-based businesses must mandate that all employees who are able to work from home do so, and close their businesses to the public when possible. Any office that remains open must ensure that no more than 33% of employees are physically present in the office any given day.

9. Nothing in this Order should be interpreted to interfere with or infringe on the powers of the legislative and judicial branches to perform their constitutional duties or exercise their authority.

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
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