



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

NO. 2021-012

**October 28, 2021**

**CONTINUING STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, I have previously issued Executive Orders 2020-001, 2020-002, and 2020-004, 2020-005, 2020-010, 2020-011, 2020-012, 2020-018, 2020-021, 2020-023, 2021-002, 2021-003, 2021-004, 2021-006, 2021-007, 2021-009, 2021-010, and 2021-011 that declared a state of emergency due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic that expires on October 31, 2021 and also provides for numerous measures to prepare and respond to the needs of the Louisville Metro community during this emergency; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and attendant consequences are being felt all over Louisville Metro and the continuation of some of the measures announced previously remain necessary to address the challenges that we are facing today; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to pose a threat to the public health and safety of the citizens of Louisville Metro, despite Jefferson County now designated as an “red zone county,” meaning it has >25 or more average daily cases per 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County had a total of 1,459 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 8 newly reported deaths as a result of COVID-19 for the week of October 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccines are now being offered to anyone age 12 and older; and

WHEREAS, approximately 57.4% of Jefferson County residents have completed the COVID-19 vaccine series, with approximately 65.4% of Jefferson County residents having received only the first dose; and

WHEREAS, the delivery of COVID-19 vaccines to the Commonwealth brings hope but we must stay vigilant in our efforts to reduce the spread; and

WHEREAS, the more highly transmissible variants of COVID-19 (B.1.17, B.1.429, and B.1.617.2 [Delta variant]) have been identified as present in Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has identified the Delta variant as a “variant of concern,” which means there is evidence of an increase in transmissibility, it is a more severe disease, it causes a significant reduction in neutralization by antibodies generated during previous infection or vaccination, reduced effectiveness of treatments or vaccines, or diagnostic detection failures;<sup>1</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/variant-info.html> (last accessed July 29, 2021).

WHEREAS, as Mayor, I intend to invoke any and all powers at my disposal to combat the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), and to contain it as much as feasibly possible in order to protect the citizens of Louisville Metro; and

WHEREAS, KRS 39A.180 vests the Chief Executive Officer of a consolidated local government with the authority to issue executive orders necessary for disaster and emergency response purposes and to supplement the carrying out of the provisions of KRS Chapters 39A and 39B; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Fischer, as Mayor of Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government and, pursuant to KRS Chapters 39A and 39B of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, HEREBY EXTEND THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY within Louisville Metro related to the health of our citizens due to the coronavirus (COVID-19). To that end, I hereby ORDER AND DIRECT THE FOLLOWING:

1. That, this Order fully extends and incorporates the declaration of emergency and all the provisions contained in Executive Orders 2020-001, 2020-002, 2020-004, 2020-005, 2020-010, 2020-011, 2020-012, 2020-018, 2020-021, 2020-023, 2021-002, 2021-003, 2021-004, 2021-006, 2021-007, 2021-009, 2021-010, and 2021-011 until November 30, 2021, unless otherwise set out herein.
2. That this Executive Order shall be interpreted, if necessary, to be consistent and in harmony with any and all ORDERS issued by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



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GREG FISCHER  
MAYOR

DATE: 10/28/2021

APPROVED FOR FORM & LEGALITY  
MICHAEL J. O'CONNELL  
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