



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

EXECUTIVE ORDER

NO. 2020-021

October 27, 2020

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, and 2020-018 that declared a state of emergency due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic that expires on October 31, 2020 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 the measures announced previously remain necessary to address the challenges that we are facing today along with potential additional measures as are necessary; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to pose a threat to the public health and safety of the citizens of Louisville Metro, especially considering Jefferson County has been designated a “red zone county,” meaning it has a 25 or more average daily cases per 100,000 people and is in a “critical” state; and

WHEREAS, Governor Beshear reported 953 new COVID-19 cases on October 26, 2020, bringing the total reported cases in Kentucky to 97,866, with a seven-day rolling average positivity rate of 5.84% and Dr. Steven Stack, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health, has stated that Kentucky’s current COVID-19 situation is dangerous; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, I adopt and urge all citizens of Louisville Metro to follow the Governor’s recommendations for red zone counties, which include teleworking; reducing in-person shopping and dining; reschedule, postpone, or cancel public and private events; and avoiding non-essential activities outside of your home; and

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, and 2020-018 until December 31, 2020.
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.



GREG FISCHER
MAYOR

DATE: 10/27/2020

APPROVED FOR FORM & LEGALITY
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