



## *Montgomery County Government*

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### **PREAMBLE**

While it is the hope and expectation that Montgomery County citizens will follow all suggested guidelines of the CDC to voluntarily reduce the spread of COVID-19, I issue this order pursuant to TCA §58-8-104 and 58-2-110 to take prudent action I believe necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

The numbers of positive COVID-19 cases in Montgomery County and surrounding counties have significantly increased in the last thirty days; and

**Widespread use of face coverings is a preferred alternative to the continued closure of schools and the closure of businesses in our community, which closures would likely become necessary if action is not taken;** and

After consultation with the Mayor of the City of Clarksville and the School Superintendent of Montgomery County, the County Mayor finds that there is a consensus that the wearing of cloth or other face coverings should be required in certain circumstances, and that such a requirement should take effect as soon as possible.

Pursuant to those same originally named statutes, and the Governor's Executive Order #54, I declare a state of emergency for Montgomery County, Tennessee and further so ORDER.

### **EMERGENCY ORDER # 11**

1. A Declaration of a State of Emergency for Montgomery County, Tennessee is made and may be extended as allowed by law and my Declaration of a State of Emergency is extended as set out herein.
2. Emergency Executive Order # 9 and #10 are vacated.
3. IT IS ORDERED that cloth or other face coverings that cover the nose and mouth of a person to impede the spread of the virus during speaking, coughing, sneezing or other action, shall be required in Montgomery County, Tennessee, within all publicly-accessible areas of commercial business establishments; in public outdoor areas where social distancing of at least six feet cannot be

maintained; and within the publicly-accessible areas of business offices where there is direct interaction with the public and social distancing of at least six feet cannot be maintained. A "commercial business establishment" means any establishment that sells goods or services, or a combination thereof, including but not limited to grocery stores, restaurants, lobbies and public spaces in hotels and other places of lodging, pharmacies, banks, bars, salons, retail stores, medical and dental offices, and entertainment and sports venues.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Order does not apply to:

4. Any person who is of age 12 or under;
5. Any person who cannot safely wear a face covering because he/she has trouble breathing due to an underlying health condition or another bona fide medical or health-related reason for not wearing a face covering;
6. Anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance;
7. Persons in a private residence;
8. Persons who are outdoors, unless the person cannot substantially maintain appropriate 6-foot social distancing from others outside of the person's household;
9. Persons while eating or drinking;
10. Persons in a place of worship or participating in any type of religious ceremony or activity attendant thereto (unless a face covering is required by the place of worship or other location where the religious ceremony is taking place), although persons in places of worship or otherwise participating in religious ceremonies or activities attendant thereto are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19;
11. Persons within private motor vehicles, unless such vehicle is being used for public transportation or a vehicle for hire;
12. Persons working under conditions where appropriate social distancing of at least six feet from others outside the person's household is substantially maintained;
13. Persons present in government facilities, or on government premises, who shall be

subject to the rules and regulations of the governmental entity operating the facility or premises. Persons present in the public areas of all Montgomery County government facilities will wear cloth or other face coverings, subject to the age and health restrictions outlined herein, and subject to number 11. Other local governmental entities may issue their own directives regarding their facilities;

14. Persons in a voting site for the purpose of voting or administering an election; although such persons are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19;
15. Persons who are engaging in strenuous exercise and/or physical activity, provided, however, that such persons shall maintain 6-foot social distancing when not wearing a face covering;
16. Persons for whom wearing a face covering would pose a safety or security risk;
17. This Order shall be effective upon issuance to protect and ensue the health, safety, and welfare of the Community.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that businesses and facilities subject to this Order shall post signage at public entrances informing patrons of the requirement to wear a mask within the establishment and shall enforce the requirement within the establishment.

This local order constitutes an order promulgated pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 2, Part 1.

This ORDER shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020 and will expire on July 27, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., unless sooner cancelled or unless extended.

It is so ORDERED, Mayor Jim Durrett, Montgomery County, Tennessee, this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.



  
Jim Durrett, Montgomery County Mayor