



**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH  
EFFECTIVE APRIL 24, 2020**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee declared a State of Emergency to deploy additional resources to combat the spread of the virus, and on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency over the coronavirus pandemic, and on March 20, 2020, I, Mayor Jimmy Harris declared a local state of emergency in Madison County, Tennessee related to the pandemic, which has been continued by subsequent declarations; and

WHEREAS, a local state of emergency continues in Madison County, Tennessee, for which prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community, as authorized by Tennessee law, including, but not limited to Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-8-104 and 58-2-110,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Harris, Mayor of Madison County, Tennessee, pursuant to the laws of the state of Tennessee, do hereby Declare that a local State of Emergency for public health is hereby declared for Madison County, Tennessee, pursuant to section 58-8-104 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, and further direct and order as follows:

1. This declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Madison County Emergency Management Plan.
2. Safer at Home. All individuals currently living within the unincorporated areas of Madison County, Tennessee are strongly advised to stay at their place of residence unless engaged in Essential Activities as outlined in this Declaration. For purposes of this Declaration, residences include, but are not limited to, hotels, motels, shared rental units, and similar facilities. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, Essential

Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses as defined in this Declaration. Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from this section but are strongly urged to seek safe shelter.

3. All individuals currently living within the unincorporated areas of Madison County, Tennessee should only travel for essential activities or participate in activities that follow social distancing guidelines.
4. Essential Activities. For purposes of this Order, individuals within the unincorporated areas of Madison County, Tennessee may leave their residence only to perform any of the following "Essential Activities":
  - a. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including, but not limited to, pets), such as, by way of example only and without limitation, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies they need to work from home.
  - b. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others.
  - c. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Order, such as, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, dog walking, or running.
  - d. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations.
  - e. To perform payroll and other critical administrative functions for any business, including businesses not defined as essential.
  - f. To care for a family member or pet in another household.
  - g. Activities that can be executed with groups of less than 10 people while maintaining social distancing.
5. Essential Businesses. For purposes of this Declaration, "Essential Businesses" means:
  - a. Healthcare Operations and Essential Infrastructure as defined in this Order, including:
    - i. hospitals,
    - ii. pharmacies,
    - iii. walk in care facilities,
    - iv. elder care,
    - v. blood banks,
    - vi. pharmacies,
    - vii. research and laboratory services,
    - viii. dental,
    - ix. medical and wholesale distribution,
    - x. home health care workers or aides for the elderly,
    - xi. nursing homes or residential healthcare facilities,
    - xii. optometrists,

- xiii. medical supplies and equipment manufacturers and providers.
- b. Essential retail including:
  - i. grocery and beverage stores,
  - ii. farm and produce stands,
  - iii. supermarkets,
  - iv. food banks,
  - v. convenience stores,
  - vi. gas stations,
  - vii. restaurants (as provided in Section 7 below)
  - viii. catering,
  - ix. package stores,
  - x. hardware and building material stores,
  - xi. cell phone and electronics,
  - xii. taxis,
  - xiii. private transportation,
  - xiv. bicycle retail/repair,
  - xv. real estate agent services,
  - xvi. home or building cleaning and maintenance,
  - xvii. lawn care,
  - xviii. lock smiths,
  - xix. legal services,
  - xx. alarm and security companies,
  - xxi. businesses that provide services that are necessary to maintain the sanitation, safety, and essential operation of residences and businesses,
  - xxii. office supply stores,
  - xxiii. stores that sell products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences
  - xxiv. businesses that provide goods and services exclusively through curb side pickup, drive-thru, shipment or delivery.
  - xxv. Other retail stores as provided in Section 8 below.
- c. Essential infrastructure including:
  - i. utilities,
  - ii. fuel supply,
  - iii. public water,
  - iv. wastewater,
  - v. telecommunications and data centers,
  - vi. airports,
  - vii. hotels and places of accommodation,
  - viii. transportation.
- d. Manufacturing businesses
- e. Financial institutions including:
  - i. banks,
  - ii. insurance,
  - iii. payroll,

- iv. accounting,
    - v. services related to financial markets.
  - f. Veterinary and livestock services including farming
  - g. Essential services including:
    - i. trash and recycling and processing and disposal related to trash,
    - ii. mail and shipping services,
    - iii. laundromats,
    - iv. building and cleaning maintenance,
    - v. childcare services,
    - vi. auto repair and servicing,
    - vii. warehouse/distribution and fulfillment,
    - viii. funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries,
    - ix. storage and animal shelters.
  - h. Skilled trades such as:
    - i. electricians,
    - ii. HVAC work,
    - iii. plumbers,
    - iv. construction,
    - v. property management,
    - vi. planning engineering design firms
    - vii. pest control.
  - i. Providers of basic necessities to economically disadvantaged populations including but not limited to:
    - i. homeless shelters,
    - ii. food banks,
    - iii. human resources providers.
- 6. Telework Permitted. The prohibition does not apply to virtual or telework operations.
- 7. Restaurants.
  - a. Until 11:59 p.m. on April 26, 2020, the dine in portion of restaurants within the unincorporated areas of Madison County, Tennessee shall be closed to service, with only drive-through, pickup, carry-out, curbside, or delivery service being permitted by restaurants.
  - b. Effective 12:01 a.m. on April 27, 2020, the dine in portion of restaurants within the unincorporated areas of Madison County, Tennessee shall be permitted to open, provided that they follow the Restaurant Guidelines promulgated by the Governor's Economic Recovery Group, which are available at the following web address and which should be periodically checked for updates: <https://www.tn.gov/governor/covid-19/economic-recovery/restaurant-guidelines.html>. These Guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following express directions:
    - i. Limit the number of customers in the restaurant to 50% of seating capacity.

- ii. Tables should be spaced at least 6 feet apart.
- iii. Dedicated face coverings and dedicated gloves (i.e., only used by one person) should be worn by all employees, at all times.

8. Retail Stores.

- a. Until 11:59 p.m. on April 28, 2020, all retail stores within the unincorporated areas of Madison County, Tennessee not identified as essential and not providing curbside, pickup or delivery services shall remain closed.
  - b. Effective 12:01 a.m. on April 27, 2020, all retail stores not identified as essential by this Declaration shall be permitted to open, provided that they follow the Retail Guidelines promulgated by the Governor's Economic Recovery Group, which are available at the following web address and which should be periodically checked for updates: <https://www.tn.gov/governor/covid-19/economic-recovery/retail-guidelines.html>. These Guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following express directions:
    - i. Limit the number of customers inside a store at a given time, excluding employees and representatives of third-party delivery companies, to 50 percent or less of store occupancy based on Tennessee's Building and Fire Code.
    - ii. Maintain social distancing.
    - iii. Staff should wear face coverings (not N-95 or medical masks, which should be reserved for healthcare workers) and other personal protection items as recommended by the CDC.
    - iv. Customers should wear face coverings inside the store.
9. Mass Gatherings Prohibited. Within the unincorporated areas of Madison County, Tennessee, all public and private gatherings of more than ten people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited. Nothing in this Declaration prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.
10. Funerals. Within the unincorporated areas of Madison County, Tennessee, all Funerals, Celebrations of Life, Cremation Services, and Memorial Services shall only be attended by close family or less than 10 people per venue in accordance with Governor Lee's Executive Orders.
11. Any person who willfully violates this order is subject to prosecution as set forth by the laws of the State of Tennessee.
12. The state of emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed. The public is further advised that particular restrictions set forth herein may be relaxed by future Declarations as developments warrant over the next seven (7) days. To the extent that this Declaration conflicts with any prior Declaration still in effect, this Declaration shall control. Any businesses previously closed by a prior executive order from the Governor of

Tennessee or this administration shall remain closed under the terms of this Declaration.

DECLARED this 24th day of April, 2020.



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Jimmy Harris  
Madison County Mayor