

STATE OF ALABAMA §

HALE COUNTY §

ORDER OF THE HALE COUNTY COMMISSION IMPOSING A CURFEW DUE
TO RISK OF INFECTION BY COVID-19

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been detected in Hale County, as well as other areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, the appearance of COVID-19 in the County poses the potential of widespread exposure to an infectious agent that poses significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of people; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Health has designated COVID-19 to be a disease of epidemic potential, a threat to the health and welfare of the public, or otherwise of public health importance; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, on recommendation of the State Health Officer, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, declared a state public health emergency exists in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Jefferson County Health Officer, in response to a rapidly growing number of cases of COVID-19 being detected in Jefferson County, issued an order suspending certain public gatherings in that county; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the State Health Officer issued a similar order for counties surrounding Jefferson, including Blount, St. Clair, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, and Walker Counties, and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the State Health Officer issued an order, and on March 20, 2020, and March 27, 2020, an amended order, of statewide application suspending certain public gatherings;

WHEREAS, further social distancing measures are necessary to be implemented on a statewide basis to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ala. Code § 31-9-10(b)(5)(b) of the Code of Alabama (1975), authorizes the governing body of each political subdivision to impose a public safety curfew for its inhabitants;

NOW THEREFORE, THESE PREMISES CONSIDERED, it is ordered that the following be implemented:

I. Effective April 3, 2020, a curfew shall be in place throughout Hale County from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. each day. This curfew shall apply to all persons within the county. During such curfew, all persons shall not be or remain in public places and, if residents of Hale County, shall remain in their places of residence, except as further provided below.

2. Effective immediately, all regular programs at Senior Citizen Centers and Community Centers shall be ended except that this order shall not apply to First Responders (including EMS and Fire Services) and Licensed Healthcare Providers, and their essential employees, and essential employees of the following categories of employers: State and Local Governments, Law Enforcement, Hospitals, Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities), End Stage Renal Disease Treatment Centers, Pharmacies, and Grocery Stores.

3. Effective immediately, all Hospitals and Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities) shall prohibit visitation of all visitors, as defined by the facility, and non-essential health care personnel, except for certain compassionate care situations such as maternity and end-of-life.

4. Effective immediately, all restaurants, bars, breweries, or similar establishments shall not permit on-premises consumption of food or drink.

a. Such establishments may continue to offer food for take-out or delivery provided the social distancing protocols, including maintaining a consistent six-foot distance between persons, are followed.

b. Such establishments are strongly encouraged to offer online ordering and curbside pick-up of food.

c. Hospital food service areas are excluded from this order provided they have their own social distancing plan.

5. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until May 31, 2020.

Done on this 1st day of May, 2020.

Arthur L. Crawford Sr., Chairman
Hale County Commission

ATTEST:

Sylvia Williams, County Clerk