



HARDIN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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Citizens of Hardin County:

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee has issued a temporary “Safer at Home” Executive Order urging all citizens to remain at home as much as possible to limit the spread of COVID-19, also referred to as the novel coronavirus. This Order advises citizens to only leave home for Essential Activities. For purposes of the order, Essential Activities are defined as follows:

- a. Engaging in activities essential to a person’s health and safety, or the health and safety of family or household members, persons who are unable or should not leave their home, or pets, including, but not limited to, seeking emergency services, obtaining medical supplies or assistance, obtaining medication, obtaining non-elective medical care or treatment or others similar vital services, or visiting health care professionals;
- b. Obtaining necessary services or supplies for persons and their family or household members, persons who are unable or should not leave their home, or pets or delivering those services or supplies to others, including, but not limited to, groceries and food, household consumer products, supplies required to work from home, automobile supplies (including dealers, parts, supplies, repair and/or maintenance) and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences;
- c. Providing, facilitating, or receiving delivery or curbside carry-out delivery of online or telephone orders from businesses or organizations that do not perform or are not necessary for the performance of an Essential Activity;
- d. Engaging in outdoor activity, provided that persons follow the Health Guidelines to the greatest extent practicable, including but not limited to, driving or riding in a vehicle, walking, hiking, running, biking, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, golf, tennis, or other sports or recreational activities that can be performed while maintaining the aforementioned precautions or utilizing public parks and outdoor recreation areas; provided, however, that congregating or playing on playgrounds present a unique risk for the spread of COVID-19 and are therefore not covered as an Essential Activity;
- e. Caring for or visiting a family member, friend or pet in another household, or transporting or traveling with family members, friends or pets as allowed by this Order; provided, that the Health Guidelines are followed to the greatest extent possible;
- f. Visiting a place of worship or attending a wedding or funeral; provided, that the Health Guidelines are followed to the greatest extent practicable. However, it is strongly encouraged that the public celebration component of weddings and funerals be postponed or attended only by close family members; or



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- g. Engaging in Essential Travel as defined below for purposes of the Order:
 - a. Travel related to Essential Activities or otherwise permitted by this Order;
 - b. Travel related to performing Essential Services;
 - c. Travel to care for the elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities or other vulnerable persons;
 - d. Travel to or from outside the State of Tennessee; or
 - e. Travel required by law, law enforcement, or court order, including but not limited to transporting children pursuant to a custody agreement.

In my official capacity as Mayor for Hardin County, Tennessee, on behalf of the Hardin County Commissioners and at the request of Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, we strongly urge Hardin County Citizens to adhere to Governor Lee's Order. Your efforts will limit the exposure and spread of COVID-19, and will also lessen the potential demands increased exposure will place upon our courageous health care professionals who stand ready to treat us should it become necessary. I have included the two executive orders signed by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee on the Hardin County Government FaceBook Page for your review. You may also seek more information from the state government or federal government websites.

In closing, I recognize the fear, uncertainty and concern this threat is causing everyone to experience. This virus has impacted everyone regardless of age, race, gender, social status or political ideology. We are equally subject to the threat this virus creates, and we are equally united in our desire to overcome this epidemic. Please know that I, along with numerous other officials throughout the county and the state, are maintaining constant contact with leadership for guidance and instructions on how we can best defend against this threat. We will continue to update you immediately as data is compiled and information becomes available on how best to protect our community from COVID-19.

Your Mayor,

Kevin Davis