



St. Tammany Parish Government OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT

Executive Order

St. Tammany Parish Government Contact: 985-898-2700

EXECUTIVE ORDER INITIATING PHASE III OF THE PARISH'S RECOVERY PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE PARISH-WIDE STATE OF EMERGENCY AS PER THE LOUISIANA HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER ACT, LA. REV. STAT. 29:721, *ET SEQ.*, AS TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. Rev. Stat. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the Governor of the State of Louisiana and parish presidents emergency powers to prepare and cope with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that preparations will be adequate to cope with such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, when the Parish President determines that a disaster or emergency has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, La. Rev. Stat. 29:727 empowers him to declare a state of emergency by executive order or proclamation; and

WHEREAS, La. Rev. Stat. 29:727(F) authorizes the Parish President to, among other things, suspend the provision of any regulatory ordinance prescribing the procedures for conduct of local business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any local agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, La. Rev. Stat. 29:727(F) further authorizes the Parish President to, among other things, control ingress and egress to and from the affected area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 25 JBE 2020, which declared a public health emergency to exist in the State of Louisiana as a result of the imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and the Parish President, Michael B. Cooper, on March 13, 2020, declared a parish-wide state of emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 30 JBE 2020, which, among other things, ordered that all public gatherings of 50 or more persons be postponed or cancelled during the period from March 17, 2020 until April 13, 2020, due to the imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by COVID-19, closed certain business establishments, and limited access to restaurants and other dining establishments; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 33 JBE 2020, which, among other things, ordered a statewide stay-at-home directive, limited all gatherings to 10 persons or less, and closed or reduced operations for certain businesses, all due to the imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by COVID-19, and, the Parish President, Michael B. Cooper, on March 23, 2020, issued an Executive Order which, among other things, ordered a parish-wide stay-at-home directive and limited all gatherings to 10 persons or less; and



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WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 41 JBE 2020, which, among other things, extended the statewide stay-at-home directive, limitations of all gatherings to 10 persons or less, and closed or reduced operations for certain businesses, until April 30, 2020, or as extended by subsequent order, and the Parish President, Michael B. Cooper, on April 7, 2020, issued an Executive Order which, among other things, extended the parish-wide stay-at-home directive until April 30, 2020 and implemented additional safety measures; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 52 JBE 2020, extending the statewide stay-at-home directive until May 15, 2020, or as extended by subsequent order, and the Parish President, Michael B. Cooper, on April 30, 2020, issued an Executive Order which, among other things, extended the parish-wide stay-at-home directive until May 15, 2020 and implemented additional safety measures; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 58 JBE 2020, initiating Phase 1 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan, and the Parish President, Michael B. Cooper, on May 15, 2020, issued an Executive Order which terminated the parish-wide stay-at-home directive and initiated Phase I of the Parish's recovery plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 74 JBE 2020, initiating Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan, and the Parish President, Michael B. Cooper, on June 5, 2020, issued an Executive Order which initiated Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 83 JBE 2020, extending Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan for twenty-eight (28) days, until July 24, 2020, and on June 26, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order which extended Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan until July 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 89 JBE 2020, which imposed mandatory masks or facial coverings in public and other restrictions, and on July 13, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order which mandated the wearing of facial coverings in public and imposed other restrictions; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 96 JBE 2020, extending Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan and the additional restrictions imposed by Proclamation No. 89 JBE 2020 for fourteen (14) days, until August 7, 2020, and on July 24, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order which extended Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan until August 7, 2020 and imposed other restrictions; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 101 JBE 2020, extending Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan and the additional restrictions for twenty-one (21) days, until August 28, 2020, and on August 7, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order which extended Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan and additional restrictions until August 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 110 JBE 2020, extending Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan and the additional restrictions until September 11, 2020, and on August 28, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper



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issued an Executive Order which extended Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan and additional restrictions until September 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 117 JBE 2020, initiating Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan for twenty-eight (28) days, until October 9, 2020, and on September 14, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order which initiated Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan until October 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 123 JBE 2020, amending Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan in order to allow for the service and sales of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. for those entities entitled to do so pursuant to Proclamation Nos. 117 JBE 2020 and 123 JBE 2020, and on September 21, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order amending Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan in order to allow for the service and sales of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. for those entities entitled to do so pursuant to Proclamation Nos. 117 JBE 2020 and 123 JBE 2020; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order which reopened bars in the Parish under Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan until October 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 134 JBE 2020, extending Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan until November 6, 2020, and on October 9, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order extending Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan until November 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 143 JBE 2020, which provided that outdoor athletic events and venues for elementary and secondary school athletics shall be allowed up to 50% of the total occupancy of the outdoor athletic venue if the parish meets certain conditions, and, the Parish having met those conditions, on October 23, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order allowing up to 50% of the total occupancy of the outdoor athletic venues for elementary and secondary school athletics; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 158 JBE 2020, extending Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan until December 4, 2020, and on November 6, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise extending Phase III of the Parish's recovery plan until December 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to a rise in the infection rate of COVID-19 in Louisiana, on November 24, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 168 JBE 2020, initiating a modified version of Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan until December 23, 2020, and on November 30, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise initiating a modified Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan until December 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 209 JBE 2020, extending a modified version of Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan until January 13, 2021, and on December 23, 2020, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued



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an Executive Order likewise extending the modified Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan until January 13, 2021;

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 6 JBE 2021, extending a modified version of Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan until February 10, 2021, and on January 13, 2021, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise extending the modified Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan until February 10, 2021;

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 17 JBE 2021, extending a modified version of Phase 2 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan until March 3, 2021, and on February 11, 2021, Parish President Michael B. Cooper issued an Executive Order likewise extending the modified Phase II of the Parish's recovery plan until March 3, 2021;

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021, initiating Phase 3 of the State of Louisiana's recovery plan, effective until March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, to effectively meet the dangers presented by the emergency and protect the health and safety of the people of the Parish, it is necessary to initiate Phase III restrictions, effective until March 31, 2021.

IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to the authority vested in him through the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. Rev. Stat. 29:721, *et seq.*, specifically La. Rev. Stat. 29:727(F), Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that vulnerable individuals, as defined in Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021, should continue to shelter in place unless traveling for an essential activity such as:

1. Obtaining food, medicine, and other similar goods necessary for the individual or a family member of the individual.
2. Obtaining medical care and treatment and other similar vital services for an individual or a family member of the individual.
3. Going to and from an individual's workplace.
4. Going to and from the home of a family member.
5. Going to and from an individual's place of worship.
6. Engaging in outdoor activity, provided individuals maintain a distance of six feet from one another.

All individuals shall avoid gathering in groups of a size that does not allow for social distancing, practice social distancing when in public, and refrain from visiting senior facilities or hospitals. Crowd sizes are limited to no more than 250 people in any single indoor space at the same time. Crowd sizes are limited to no more than 50% of the maximum capacity in any single outdoor space when individuals will be in close proximity to one another and unable to maintain strict social distancing of six feet apart from individuals who are not immediate household members. This crowd size limitation shall not apply to those businesses deemed essential as defined by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, or religious services held by churches and other faith-based organizations;



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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to the authority vested in him through the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. Rev. Stat. 29:721, *et seq.*, specifically La. Rev. Stat. 29:727 (F), and in conformity with Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021, Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that individuals in St. Tammany Parish, including within all municipal boundaries, shall wear face masks or face coverings which cover the nose and mouth in the following situations:

- When inside a commercial establishment or any other building or space open to the public, whether indoor or outdoor; and
- When riding in public or commercial transportation or paratransit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following individuals shall be exempt from the requirement to wear a face mask or facial covering:

- Persons younger than eight years old, however all children between the ages of two and seven years old are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering;
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask or facial covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance;
- Persons communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, when the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;
- Persons who are consuming food or drinks;
- Persons who will not come in contact with any other individual (outside of their immediate household members) or who will be able to maintain strict social distancing of six feet apart from any other individual (outside of their immediate household members);
- Persons giving a speech for broadcast or to an audience;
- Persons temporarily removing his or her face covering for identification purposes; and
- Any athlete participating in organized athletic activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all businesses or organizations, including governmental offices, shall require all persons who enter the premises to wear a face covering, unless not required to by this Executive Order or Executive Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that all businesses and entities performing essential activities pursuant to guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19> may remain in full operation, including religious services held by all churches and other faith-based organizations. All owners and employees at such businesses shall maintain strict social distancing between themselves and members of the public and shall wear face coverings at all times if interacting with the public;



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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that the following nonessential businesses shall remain closed to the public and members:

Certain places of public amusement, including but not limited to, locations with amusement rides; carnivals; amusement parks; splash pads; water parks; trampoline parks; arcades; fairs and festivals; children's play centers; overnight youth camps; indoor playgrounds; theme parks; concert and music halls; adult entertainment venues; and other similar businesses.

Businesses closed to the public pursuant to this order shall not be prohibited from conducting necessary activities such as payroll, cleaning services, maintenance or upkeep as necessary;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that bars shall be allowed to open for indoor and outdoor service and consumption, but in no event shall the indoor seated capacity exceed 25% occupancy or 250 patrons in total, whichever is less. All bars shall be allowed to provide for takeout through drive-thru or curbside delivery, including alcoholic beverages. No standing room capacity shall be permitted. All bars operating pursuant to this Executive Order and Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021 may operate between the hours of 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., all patrons must be seated at tables, and all service shall be limited to patrons seated at tables. All seating of patrons shall be socially distanced, and no patrons shall be allowed on the premises unless of the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that the following establishments shall be allowed to operate at 75% of total occupancy as defined by the State Fire Marshal and as further described in Executive Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021:

Restaurants, coffee shops, cafes;
Beauty shops, nail salons, and barber shops;
Massage establishments, spas, and tattoo establishments (under LDH guidance),
esthetician services (under Cosmetology Board guidance);
Pool halls, bowling alleys and skating rinks (children must be accompanied by an adult);
Shopping malls (including food courts following restaurant guidance);
Movie theatres;
Museums (including childrens' museums), zoos, aquariums (no tactile exhibits);
Outdoor playgrounds and play centers (children must be accompanied by an adult); and
All non-CISA and non-closed businesses in compliance with Executive Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that health club gyms and fitness centers shall be allowed to operate at 50% of total occupancy as further described in Executive Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that casinos and video poker establishments shall be allowed to operate at 50% of total occupancy and 75% of gaming positions as further described in Executive Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021; and event centers, reception halls, and wedding venues shall be allowed to operate at 50% of total occupancy or 250 people, whichever is less, and as further described in Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021;



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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that in addition to the requirements imposed by Executive Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021, the above-listed establishments located in St. Tammany Parish shall comply with the following safety guidelines:

- Places of business are encouraged to check temperatures of employees before entering onsite workplaces;
- Places of business should consider checking temperatures of customers/clients before entering;
- Hand sanitizer must be available at the entrance of each place of business including retail stores, gas stations, banks, etc.;
- Places of business will sanitize all frequently touched areas (including fuel pumps, door handles, checkout counters and credit card readers, bathrooms, etc.) no less than once a day or at shift changes. In addition, businesses are encouraged to eliminate as many touch points as possible for items such as doors, trash cans, etc.;
- Places of business will sanitize shopping carts and baskets;
- Individuals are to remain at least six feet apart from other individuals at all times;
- Places of business should mark flooring with tape or other indicator where individuals wait to be served;
- Retailers are to add plastic shields/barriers between cashiers and individuals at checkout counters as an extra level of protection; and
- Places of business should post all COVID-19 guidelines in conspicuous places such as at entrances, checkouts, on websites, and social media to make the public aware of precautions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that the Fishing Pier, Camp Salmen, and the Tammany Trace shall continue to operate with the implementation of strict social distancing requirements;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, orders that recreational sporting leagues and organized sporting events at public and private ball fields, gymnasiums, parks and facilities shall operate with the implementation of strict social distancing requirements, shall not exceed 50% of total occupancy, shall require facial coverings for all attendees and spectators, and shall comply with all other applicable restrictions as described in Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that service and sales of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, to the extent allowed under this Executive Order and in Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021, shall only occur between the hours of 8 a.m. and 11 p.m.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that enforcement of these requirements shall be handled by any authorized enforcement agency and in the manner as described in Proclamation No. 29 JBE 2021;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Michael B. Cooper, as Parish President, maintains the authority to assume total control of the Parish including, but not limited to, all private and public properties and utilities necessary to ensure the safety, health and welfare of the citizens and property of this Parish and to issue all necessary orders;



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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all private and public utility companies, to the extent possible, offer leniency, payment plans and other accommodations to avoid disconnections due to non-payment, and that disconnections due to non-payment shall take place only after such other options have been exhausted;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order shall remain in effect until March 31, 2021 or until terminated by subsequent Executive Proclamation or Order; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any person or entity who disregards, interrupts or interferes with the control of the Parish and/or Parish President shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

At Mandeville, Louisiana, this 4th day of March 2021 at 8:30 A.m.


Michael B. Cooper
Parish President

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and
21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, La.
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510 E. Boston Street, Covington, La.
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701 N. Columbia Street, Covington, La
and
520 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, La

Sworn and subscribed before me,


(Notary Public)

On this 4th day of March 2021.

EMILY COUILLON LA BAR # 31114