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Safer at Home Amended Order General Information

Alabama is currently under a stay-at-home order.

Gov. Ivey announced an amended safer-at-home order will go into effect May 23, 2020, and will remain in effect until July 31, 2020 at 5:00 pm unless otherwise noted. This information is a general overview of what is stated in the Safer at Home order. The full order may be found here:

<https://governor.alabama.gov/assets/2020/05/Safer-at-Home-Order-FINAL-5.21.2020.pdf>

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Recommendations for Individuals

Continued from previous orders

- Minimize travel outside the home, especially if sick or a vulnerable person.
- Wear face coverings around people from other households when it is necessary to leave the home.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces.
- Refrain from touching your face.
- Sneezing or coughing into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as often as possible.

"Vulnerable persons" means individuals 65 years and older or individuals with serious underlying health conditions.

Quarantine for Infected Persons

Continued from previous orders

Effective immediately, any person who has tested positive for COVID-19 shall be quarantined to their place of residence for a period of 14 days, or other period of time as directed by the State Health Officer.

Non-Work-Related Gathering

Continued from previous orders

All non-work related gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons from different households are prohibited.

Organizers of religious gatherings are strongly encouraged to read and implement the Alabama Department of Public Health's "Guidelines for Places of Worship," available at <https://alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-sah-worship.pdf>.

General Information for Businesses

Continued from previous orders

Unless otherwise permitted or required by this order, all employers shall take reasonable steps, when possible as work duties permit, to protect their EMPLOYEES by:

- maintain six feet of separation between employees
- regularly disinfect frequently used items and surfaces
- encourage handwashing
- prevent employees who are sick from coming into contact with other persons
- facilitating remote working arrangements
- minimize employee travel

In addition to complying with the requirements of this paragraph, employers are strongly encouraged to read and implement the Alabama Department of Public Health's "Guidelines for Safeguarding All Businesses," available at <https://alabamapublichealth.gov/-covid19/assets/cov-sah-businesses.pdf>.

Unless otherwise permitted or required by this order, the operator of any business, government office, or other establishment open to the public shall take reasonable steps, when possible, to protect their CUSTOMERS, constituents, or other guests by:

- maintain six feet of separation between such persons (except for those persons who share the same household)
- regularly disinfect frequently used items and surfaces.

Retailers

Continued from previous orders

Must limit the number of people in your store to no more than 50 percent of the normal occupancy load as determined by the fire marshal.

The maximum number of people allowed shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the store entrances and exits to enforce this requirement.

Employee must not allow customers to congregate within six feet of one another.

The retail store shall take reasonable steps to comply with guidelines on sanitation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("the CDC") and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Close-contact Service Providers

(such as barber shops, hair salons, waxing salons, threading salons, nail salons and spas, body art facilities, tattoo services, and massage therapy establishments and services shall comply with the following rules)

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Continued from previous orders

Employees shall not knowingly allow clients or persons accompanying a client to congregate within six feet of a person from another household.

Each employee shall wear a mask, or other facial covering that covers his or her nostrils and mouth, at all times while providing services within 6 feet of a client.

Employees shall wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water immediately before providing services within 6 feet of a client.

Employees of all close-contact service providers are encouraged—and employees providing nail services or facial services are required—to wear gloves when providing services within 6 feet of a client. To the extent employees wear gloves when providing services, they should use a new pair of gloves for each client and should put them on immediately after washing their hands.

In addition to complying with the requirements of this paragraph, close-contact service providers are strongly encouraged to read and implement the Alabama Department of Public Health's "Guidelines for Close Contact Personal Service Businesses," available at <https://alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/-cov-sah-close-contact.pdf>.

Athletic Facilities

(such as fitness centers and commercial gyms, spas, and yoga, barre, and spin facilities)

Continued from previous orders

Employees shall not knowingly allow patrons or guests to congregate within six feet of a person from another household

Employees shall not knowingly allow patrons or guests to participate in any of the athletic activities prohibited in paragraph 9—including sports that involve interaction with another person of closer than 6 feet and activities that require use of shared sporting apparatus and equipment

Employees must take reasonable steps to prevent people from congregating in lobby areas, break rooms, and other common areas

An athletic facility must limit facility occupancy to 50 percent of the normal occupancy load as determined by the fire marshal. Athletic facilities must also prohibit

patrons and guests from accessing showers, hot tubs, steam rooms, lockers, saunas and other recreational water or spa facilities. Pools may be open subject to the social-distancing rules of this paragraph

Each employee shall wear a mask or other facial covering that covers his or her nostrils and mouth at all times while in regular interaction with clients or guests.

In addition to complying with the requirements of this paragraph, operators of athletic facilities are strongly encouraged to read and implement the Alabama Department of Public Health's "Guidelines for Athletic Facilities," available at <https://alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-sah-athletic-facilities.pdf>.

Entertainment Venues

Examples of Entertainment Venues

- Bowling alleys
- Arcades
- Concert venues
- Theaters, auditoriums, and performing arts centers
- Tourist attractions (including museums and planetariums)
- Racetracks
- Commercial or Public Playgrounds (not associated with educational institutional or child day care facilities)
- Adult entertainment venues
- Casinos
- Bingo halls

Employees shall not knowingly allow patrons or guests to congregate within six feet of a person from another household.

Employees shall take reasonable steps to prevent people from congregating in lobby areas, break rooms, and other common areas.

Indoor and enclosed entertainment venues shall limit occupancy to 50 percent of the normal occupancy load as determined by the fire marshal.

Outdoor venues or those not assigned a normal occupancy load by the fire marshal shall limit occupancy as required to comply with the social distancing requirements.

Each employee shall wear a mask or other facial covering that covers his or her nostrils and mouth at all

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times while in regular interaction with clients or guests.

An entertainment venue shall take reasonable steps, where practicable, to regularly disinfect frequently used items and surfaces.

In addition to complying with the requirements of this paragraph, entertainment venues are strongly encouraged to read and implement the Alabama Department of Public Health's "Guidelines for Entertainment Venues and Tourist Attractions," available at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-sah-entertainment-tourist.pdf>.

Athletic Activities

For purposes of this paragraph, "athletic activities" means "sports that involve interaction with another person of closer than six feet" and "activities that require use of shared sporting apparatus and equipment."

Participation in team athletic activities is limited to practices that involve conditioning, skill drills, and similar activities, subject to the rules of this paragraph. Beginning June 15, 2020, participation in team athletic activities may proceed in any respect subject to the rules of this paragraph.

Players, coaches, officials and spectators shall not be within 6 feet of a person from another household or shall not participate in a high five, handshake or other physical contact unless necessary to directly participate in the athletic activity.

Coaches shall wear a mask or other facial covering that covers his or her nostrils and mouth at all times

Players and officials shall wear a mask or other facial covering that covers his or her nostrils and mouth at all times except when directly participating in the athletic activity.

Players, coaches, and officials shall not share water coolers, drinking stations, water bottles, cups, or other drinking devices.

Organizers of athletic activities shall take reasonable steps, where practicable, to regularly disinfect frequently used items and surfaces and are strongly encouraged to read and implement the Alabama Department of Public Health's "Guidelines for Adult and Youth Athletic Activities," available at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-sah-athletic-activities.pdf>.

Beaches

Continued from previous orders

Anyone using the beaches must maintain a consistent six-foot distance between himself or herself and all persons from a different household. For purposes of this section, the term "beach" means the sandy shoreline area abutting the Gulf of Mexico, whether privately or publicly owned, including beach access points.

Senior Citizen Centers

Continued from previous orders

All regular programs at Senior Citizen Centers shall be ended except that Senior Citizen Centers and their partners are urged to assure that their clients continue to receive needed meals via curbside pick-up or delivery.

Educational Institutions and Facilities

Effective June 1, 2020 at 5:00pm

This shall apply to all schools, public and private—including elementary, secondary, postsecondary, technical, and specialty schools, and colleges and universities.

Schools shall take reasonable steps, where practicable, to maintain six feet of separation between persons of different households.

Schools shall take reasonable steps, where practicable, to regularly disinfect frequently used items and surfaces.

Employees shall, to the greatest extent practicable, wear a mask or other facial covering when in regular interaction within 6 feet of a person from a different household.

Child Day Care Facilities

Include facilities providing child day care, including any child day care facility described in Ala. Code § 38-7-2.

Employees shall not knowingly allow parents or other guests to congregate within six feet of a person from another household.

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Facilities shall also take reasonable steps to prevent parents or other guests from congregating in lobby areas, cafeterias, and other common areas.

Child day care facilities shall take reasonable steps, where practicable, to regularly disinfect frequently used items and surfaces.

Employees shall wear a mask or other facial covering that covers his or her nostrils and mouth at all times while in regular interaction with students or guests.

In addition to complying with the requirements of this paragraph, child day care facilities are strongly encouraged to read and implement the Alabama Department of Public Health's "Guidelines for Child Day Care Facilities," available at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-sah-childcare-facilities.pdf>.

Camps

This includes day camps and overnight youth camps. Employees shall not knowingly allow campers or guests to congregate within six feet of a person from another household.

Employees shall not knowingly allow campers or guests to participate in athletic activities in violation of Athletic Activity rules in this order.

Camps shall take reasonable steps where practicable, to regularly disinfect frequently used items and surfaces. Employees shall, to the greatest extent practicable, wear a mask or other facial covering that covers his or her nostrils and mouth at all times when in regular interaction with campers and guests.

In addition to complying with the requirements of this paragraph, day and overnight youth summer camps are strongly encouraged to read and implement the Alabama Department of Public Health's "Guidelines for Day and Overnight Youth Summer Camps," available at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-sah-youth-camps.pdf>.

Hospitals and Similar Institutions

Continued from previous orders

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, end-of-life, and support for persons with disabilities.

Medical Procedures

Continued from previous orders

Restaurants and Similar Establishments such as Bars, Breweries or Nightclubs

Restaurants bars and breweries guidelines continued from previous orders. **Night clubs now included.**

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

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

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

Insofar as such establishments offer on-premises consumption of food or drink, they must limit the party size at tables to no more than eight persons and maintain at least six feet of separation between people seated at different tables, booths, chairs, or stools

Each employee shall wear a mask or other facial covering that covers his or her nostrils and mouth at all times while in regular interaction with patrons or guests

Such establishments must disallow self-service by guests at drink stations, buffets, or salad bars

In addition to complying with the requirements of this paragraph, establishments subject to this paragraph are strongly encouraged to read and implement the Alabama Department of Public Health's "Guidelines for Restaurants and Bars," available at <https://alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-sah-restaurants-bars.pdf>.