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Safer at Home Amended Order General Information

July 29, 2020

Alabama is currently under a Safer at Home order.

On Wednesday, July 29, 2020, Governor Kay Ivey issued her fifteenth supplemental emergency proclamation containing an amended Safer at Home Order that clarifies that any child six years of age or younger or any child who has not yet entered the second grade is exempt from wearing a mask for practical necessity. This amended order extends until the end of August 2020.

The full order may be found here:
<https://governor.alabama.gov/assets/2020/07/Safer-at-Home-Order-Final-7.29.20.pdf>



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Facial Coverings for Individuals

Effective July 16, 2020 at 5:00 P.M., each person shall wear a mask or other facial covering that covers his or her nostrils and mouth at all times when within six feet of a person from another household in any of the following places:

- An indoor space open to the general public,
- A vehicle operated by a transportation service,
- An outdoor public space where ten or more people are gathered.

Facial-Covering Requirement is Subject to the Following Exceptions:

Exceptions for Practical Necessity

The facial-covering requirement does not apply to:

- Any child six years of age or younger or any child who has not yet entered the second grade;
- Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents him or her from wearing a facial covering;
- Any person while consuming food or drink, or seated at a restaurant to eat or drink;
- Any person who is obtaining a service (for example, a medical or dental procedure) that requires removal of the facial covering in order to perform the service; or
- Any person who is required to remove the facial covering to confirm his or her identity, such as for security or screening purposes.
- Any person who is actively engaged in exercise in a gym or other athletic facility if he or she maintains six feet of separation from persons of another household;
- Any person who is directly participating in athletic activities in compliance with paragraph 11 of this order
- Any person who is in a swimming pool, lake, water attraction, or similar body of water, though wearing a face covering or social distancing is strongly encouraged if safe and practicable.
- Any person who is seeking to communicate with another person where the ability to see the person's mouth is essential for communication (such as when the other person has a hearing impairment); or
- Any person speaking for broadcast or to an audience if the person maintains six feet of separation from persons from another household.
- Any person who is voting, though wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged; or
- Any person who cannot wear a facial covering because he or she is actively providing or obtaining access to religious worship, though wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged.

- Any first responder (including law enforcement officers, firefighters, or emergency medical personnel) if necessary to perform a public-safety function; or
- Any person performing a job function if wearing a face covering is inconsistent with industry safety standards or a business's established safety protocols.

Masks or other facial coverings can be factory-made, homemade, or improvised from household items such as scarves, bandanas, or t-shirts. For instructions on how to make a facial covering at home, see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s "How to Make Cloth Face Coverings," available at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-make-cloth-face-covering.html.

Quarantine for Infected Persons

Effective immediately, any person who has tested positive for COVID-19—other than institutionalized persons—shall be quarantined to their place of residence for a period of 14 days.

Protections for Employees

All employers shall take reasonable steps, where practicable as work duties permit, to protect their employees by:

- encouraging use of masks and facial coverings;
- maintaining six feet of separation between employees;
- regularly disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces;
- encouraging handwashing;
- preventing employees who are sick from coming into contact with other persons;
- facilitating remote working arrangements; and
- minimizing 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>.

Protections for Customers, etc.

The operator of any business, government office, or other establishment open to the public shall take reasonable steps, where practicable, to protect their customers, constituents, or other guests by:

- encouraging use of masks and facial coverings;
- maintaining six feet of separation between such persons (except for those persons who share the same household); and
- regularly disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces.