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Safer at Home Amended Order General Information

March 4, 2021

Alabama is currently under a Safer at Home order.

On Thursday, March 4, 2021, Governor Kay Ivey issued the twenty-third supplemental emergency proclamation containing an amended Safer at Home Order. This amended order includes a statewide mask requirement which will expire on April 9, 2021.

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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.

Senior Citizen Centers

Effective March 8, 2021, programs at Senior Citizen Centers, except for congregate meal programs, may resume, but only outdoors. Everyone at these programs shall wear facial coverings, unless an exception to paragraph 2's facial-covering requirement would apply, and maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons from different households. Also, centers shall follow guidelines for outdoor programs issued by the Alabama Department of Senior Services. Senior Citizen Centers and their partners are urged to assure that their clients continue to receive needed meals via curbside pick-up or delivery.

Camps

Effective March 6, 2021, day and overnight youth summer camps shall comply with the following rules:

- Social distancing.
 - Camps shall take reasonable steps, where practicable, to maintain six feet of separation between persons of different households.
 - Employees shall not knowingly allow campers or guests to participate in athletic activities in violation of paragraph 11.
- Sanitation. Camps shall take reasonable steps, where practicable, to regularly disinfect frequently used items and surfaces.
- Facial coverings. Each employee 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 www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-sah-youth-camps.pdf.

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Hospitals & Similar Institutions

Effective March 6, 2021, all Hospitals and Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities) shall ensure that each patient or resident may be accompanied by as many as two caregivers at a time (in the case of hospitals) or receive visits from as many as two visitors at a time (in the case of nursing homes and long term care facilities), subject to reasonable restrictions imposed on the entrance of persons because of the COVID-19 county positivity rate, the facility's COVID-19 status, a patient's or resident's COVID-19 status, caregiver/visitor symptoms, lack of adherence to proper infection control practices, or other relevant factors related to the COVID-19 pandemic, consistent with the following guidance from the federal government:

- For hospitals: "Hospital Visitation – Phase II Visitation for Patients who are Covid-19 Negative" issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 26, 2020, and available at www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-hospital-visitation-phase-ii-visitation-covid-negative-patients.pdf.
- For nursing homes: "Nursing Home Visitation – COVID-19" issued by CMS on September 17, 2020, and available at www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh.pdf.
- For assisted living facilities and specialty care assisted living facilities: "Nursing Home Visitation – COVID-19" issued by CMS on September 17, 2020, and available at www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh.pdf, with the exception of the requirement that "resident and staff testing [be] conducted as required at 42 CFR 483.80(h)."

In addition, each facility subject to this paragraph shall post in a conspicuous location at each public entrance a statement substantially similar to the following statement:

By order of the Governor of Alabama and the State Health Officer, each patient or resident of this facility enjoys certain rights to have as many as two caregivers or as many as two visitors present at a time, subject to reasonable restrictions. If you have questions, you may ask to inspect the facility's written policies concerning visitation.

Restaurants & Similar Establishments

Effective March 6, 2021, all food service establishments and retail food stores permitted by the Alabama Department of Public Health shall operate as follows:

- 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 pickup of food.
- Hospital food service areas and cafeterias operated by an educational institution described in paragraph 14 are excluded from this paragraph provided they have their own social distancing plan.
- Insofar as such establishments offer on-premises consumption of food or drink, they shall maintain at least six feet of separation between people seated at different tables, booths, chairs, or stools. However, people at different booths or tables may be seated closer than six feet apart if they are separated by solid partitions, as large as practicable, that are impermeable to respiratory droplets and aerosols. Games played at such establishments, such as pool and darts, may be played if players maintain 6 feet of distance from other players, game equipment is not shared by players during game play, and equipment is sanitized in between uses.
- 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 operating buffets, salad bars, and self-serve drink stations shall (i) ensure that at least one employee's duties include maintaining six feet of distance among customers using the buffet, salad bar, or self-serve drink station and (ii) provide hand sanitizer and encourage customers to apply it before using the buffet, salad bar, or self-serve drink station.

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 www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-sah-restaurants-bars.pdf.