



Safer Apart Order General Information

April 7, 2021

On Wednesday, April 7, 2021, Governor Kay Ivey issued the twenty-sixth supplemental emergency proclamation transitioning the state from an amended Safer at Home Order to a new Safer Apart Order. Masks will no longer be mandated statewide, but individuals are strongly encouraged to wear a mask or other facial covering when in public and in close contact with other people. This order extends until Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

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Recommendations for Individuals

Effective April 9, 2021, at 5:00 P.M., all individuals—and especially vulnerable persons—are encouraged to exercise personal responsibility in slowing the spread of COVID-19 by:

- Maintaining six feet of separation from persons of different households;
- Wearing a mask or other facial covering at all times when within six feet of a person from another household;
- Staying home if sick;
- Washing hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces;
- Refraining from touching one's face;
- Sneezing or coughing into a tissue, or the inside of one's elbow; and
- Disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

Quarantine for Infected Persons

Effective immediately, any person who has tested positive for COVID-19—other than institutionalized persons—shall be quarantined to his or her place of residence for a period of time specified by the State Health Officer or his designee. Any person quarantined pursuant to this provision shall not leave his or her place of residence for any reason other than to seek necessary medical treatment. Any person requiring assistance while under quarantine may contact 2-1-1 by calling 2-1-1 or (888) 421-1266 or by accessing <https://www.211connectsalabama.org/>. While under quarantine, the person shall take precautions as directed by his or her health care provider or the Alabama Department of Public Health to prevent the spread of the disease to others.

Protections for Employees

Effective April 9, 2021, at 5:00 P.M., and unless otherwise specified by this order, all employers are encouraged to 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 (or, alternatively, maintaining separation between employees through an impermeable partition);
- Regularly disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces;
- Encouraging handwashing; and
- Preventing employees who are sick from coming into contact with other persons.

Protections for Customers, Constituents, Students, etc.

Effective April 9, 2021, at 5:00 P.M., and unless otherwise specified by this order, the operator of any business, government office, postsecondary educational institution, or other establishment open to the public is encouraged to take reasonable steps, where practicable, to protect its customers, constituents, or other guests by:

- Encouraging use of masks and facial coverings;
- Maintaining six feet of separation between persons from different households (or, alternatively, maintaining separation between such persons through an impermeable partition); and
- Regularly disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces.

Senior Citizen Centers

Effective April 9, 2021, at 5:00 P.M., all programs at Senior Citizen Centers shall follow guidelines 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.

Facilities that Serve Children

Effective April 9, 2021, at 5:00 P.M., all facilities that serve children—including elementary and secondary schools; child day care facilities, including any child day care facility described in Ala. Code § 38-7-2; and day and overnight youth summer camps—are encouraged to comply with paragraph 4 except that the facility is encouraged to take reasonable steps, where practicable, to maintain three feet of separation between children from different households if the children are between the ages of 6 and 18. Facilities serving children under the age of 6 need not take steps to maintain separation between such children.