

Executive Order No. 3

Whereas, a state of emergency exists across this nation and both Tennessee Governor Lee and County Mayors have broad powers in regards to conducting business, taking measures and over the conduct of civilians and calling public meetings; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 Disease remains a threat to our citizens, our healthcare systems and our economy...making it necessary for each Warren County resident to protect themselves and others by following applicable health guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and other leading medical experts to slow the spread of the virus, including social distancing, effective personal hygiene practices and wearing appropriate face coverings in public settings; and

Whereas, most importantly, wearing a cloth face mask covering is a simple step that each resident and visitor can take to slow the spread of the virus, which prevents taking more drastic and disruptive measures against our local economy; and

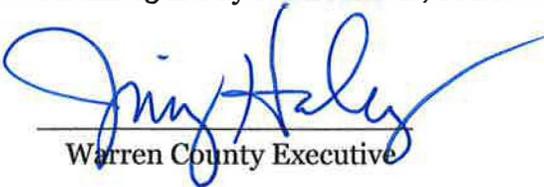
Whereas, pursuant to the authority and emergency powers of Governor Lee under law, and those granted to County Mayors across the State of Tennessee;

Now Therefore, I, Jimmy Haley, Warren County Executive, by the virtue and authority vested in me, declare and continue to issue a state of emergency and in order to facilitate a response to the COVID-19 Crisis and in support of the City of McMinnville's Resolution 2112, do act on the following:

- 1. A mandate order is enacted for all residents and visitors in settings where close proximity to others is anticipated and especially where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.** Persons are urged to wear face masks in all other public spaces where the exposure to the virus can occur. Large public gatherings are strongly discouraged, and any such event should have a written plan in place in order to protect participants from any exposure to the virus. Both City of McMinnville and Warren County law enforcement officials will promote the use of masks in public areas and will issue verbal warnings when there is a disregard for the use of masks and social distancing guidelines established by the CDC and Public Health Department. Residents are asked to practice precaution against spreading the COVID-19 Virus and support all measures taken to promote the safety and welfare of everyone in our community and across the region. Coverings do not have to be placed on children under two years of age. It is recommended that N-95 masks should be reserved for health care worker and first responders.
- 2. All Warren County Government employees are required to wear appropriate face coverings while at work, conducting county business or dealing directly with the public both inside and outside county facilities. The public access to county buildings have restrictions placed upon their use and polices are in place to secure the continuance of essential government services.**

3. All businesses should adopt mandatory face mask policies for both employees and customers and enforce the County-wide mandates for the safety of all concerned.
4. These orders are consistent with CDC guidance and includes exemptions as deemed advisable, provided that, at a minimum, there shall be no requirement that a face covering be worn:
 - i. Within one's own residence or automobile;
 - ii. By a child twelve years or younger, except in school situations or otherwise required;
 - iii. By someone who has trouble breathing due to underlying health conditions or another bona fide medical or health-related reason for not wearing a face covering;
 - iv. Unless required in a qualified health facility, by someone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance;
 - v. While eating or drinking;
 - vi. While outdoors, unless the person cannot maintain proper social distancing;
 - vii. While working under conditions where social distancing can be maintained;
 - viii. In situations where wearing a mask poses a safety or security risk;
 - ix. While in a house of worship, unless that it is required by its leadership or encouraged for the safety of those in worship;
 - x. All public schools and school-related events will be required to subscribe to these orders .
5. This local order is promulgated under the authority delegated pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 2, Part 1, for the purposes of TCA, Section, 58-2-120.
6. **Term and effective date.** This Order shall be effective upon execution and shall remain in effect until the Governor of the State of Tennessee ends or extends Executive Order No. 67, or the County Executive takes further measures to issue other mandates or recommendations granted under the authority of the state.

In Witness Whereof, I have subscribed my signature and affixed the Seal of Warren County on this 13th Day of November, 2020.


Warren County Executive

Attest: 
Warren County Clerk

