



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2021-326
May 13, 2021

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Under the powers provided by the Kentucky Constitution and Kentucky Revised Statutes, including KRS Chapter 39A, I declared by Executive Order 2020-215 on March 6, 2020, that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth. The State of Emergency continues:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution of Kentucky and KRS Chapter 39A, do hereby Order and Direct the following:

1. This Order amends Executive Order 2020-586 as renewed through Executive Order 2021-312.
2. For the purposes of this order, a “face covering” is a material that covers the nose and mouth and is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears, or is wrapped around the lower face. It can be made of a variety of materials, including cotton, silk, or linen, and ideally has two or more layers. Face coverings may be factory-made, homemade, or improvised from household items such as scarfs, bandanas, and t-shirts. Guidance on how to make a face covering at home is available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-make-cloth-face-covering.html>.
3. Any person who has received the final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at least fourteen (14) days prior is not required to wear a face covering in any setting, except as otherwise set forth in this Order.
4. Any person shall wear a face covering when riding on all planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.
5. Any person in a K-12 educational, preschool, daycare, or other childcare setting, including any student, employee, staff member or visitor, shall wear a face covering.
6. Any person in a healthcare setting shall wear a face covering.
7. Any person in a long-term care setting shall wear a face covering.



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8. Any person in a correctional facility should wear a face covering.
9. Any person in a homeless shelter should wear a face covering.
10. Any person who is immune-compromised, or who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the prior ten (10) days should wear a face covering.
11. The following are exempt from wearing face coverings:
 - a. Children who are age 5 or younger;
 - b. Any person with disability, or a physical or mental impairment, that prevents them from safely wearing a face covering;
 - c. Any person who is deaf or hard of hearing and is actively communicating, or any person who is actively communicating with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing who are not members of that person's household;
 - d. Any person who is seated and actively consuming food or beverage at a restaurant, bar, or other establishment that offers food or beverage service; or
 - e. Any person who is engaged in a lawful activity where federal or state law prohibits wearing a face covering.
12. All local, county, and city government offices and agencies are encouraged to adopt or incorporate the requirements provided in this Order.
13. Nothing in this Order should be interpreted to interfere with or infringe on the powers of the legislative and judicial branches, or other constitutional officers to perform their constitutional duties or exercise their authority. However, the legislative and judicial branches, and other constitutional officers, are encouraged to adopt or incorporate the requirements provided in this Order.




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14. Nothing in this Order should be interpreted as preventing any entity from requiring face coverings in certain settings.
15. This Order is effective at 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2021, for a period of 30 days, and is subject to renewal.



ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky



MICHAEL G. ADAMS
Secretary of State

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