ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2021-386
June 11, 2021

STATE OF EMERGENCY

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease causing mild to very severe illness, including death, and many cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Commonwealth. While Kentucky has experienced far too many tragic losses due to COVID-19, we have fared far better than many of our neighbors thanks to the hard work and sacrifices of Team Kentucky.

The three FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines have been proven through numerous studies to be both safe and highly effective in preventing the deleterious health effects associated with COVID-19. As of today, over 58% of Kentucky's adult population has received at least one dose of a vaccine and over 82% of Kentuckians who are 65 years of age and older have received at least one dose of a vaccine. These numbers are anticipated to continue to increase. Children age 12 and older are also now eligible to receive one vaccine and may in the future be eligible for other vaccines. Thanks to this great success, several of the previously necessary public health measures are no longer required to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed.

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. Executive Orders 2020-243, 2020-257, 2020-323, 2020-396, 2020-398, 2020-881, 2020-1041, and 2021-326 are hereby rescinded. All Orders of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services implementing these Executive Orders and requirements for specific sectors, businesses, and entities are hereby rescinded.

2. The Healthy At Work requirements, as well as the Healthy At Work website, are hereby rescinded. Best practices and recommendations for preventing COVID-19, as well as the latest information on the pandemic, remain available at KYCOVID19.ky.gov.

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3. 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.

4. Individuals are not required to wear a face covering, with the exception of the following:

    i. Any person riding on 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 shall wear a face covering.

    ii. Any person in a healthcare setting shall wear a face covering.

    iii. Any person in a long-term care setting shall wear a face covering.

    iv. Additionally, it is recommended that face coverings be worn by any person: in a correctional facility; in a homeless shelter; or who is immune-compromised, is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19 in the prior ten (10) days.

5. In order to ensure Kentucky remains eligible for various federal funding opportunities that require a state of emergency declaration, the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-215 remains in place.

6. All local, county, and city government offices and agencies are encouraged to adopt or incorporate the requirements provided in this Order.

7. 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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8. This Order is effective at 1:00 p.m. on June 11, 2021.

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS
Secretary of State

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