



PROCLAMATION
City of Selma
Coronavirus (COVID-19) SAFER AT HOME Order

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a disease caused by a novel coronavirus, previously unknown in humans, and causes upper respiratory tract illnesses that can range from mild to severe, spread quickly, and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been detected in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the appearance of COVID-19 in the State poses the potential of widespread exposure to an infectious agent that poses significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of people; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Health has designated COVID-19 to be a disease of epidemic potential, a threat to the health and welfare of the public, or otherwise of public health importance; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, on recommendation of the State Health Officer, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, declared a state public health emergency exists in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the State Health Officer issued an order, and on March 20, 2020, March 27, 2020, April 3, 2020, April 28, 2020, May 8, 2020, May 21, 2020, June 30, 2020, July 15, 2020, July 29, 2020, August 27, 2020, September 30, 2020, and November 5, 2020 amended orders, of statewide application suspending certain public gatherings; and

WHEREAS, wearing facial covering, social-distancing, and related measures remain necessary on a statewide basis to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ala. Code § 22-2-2 authorizes the State Health Officer, on behalf of the State Board of Health, to direct that conditions prejudicial to health in public places within the State be abated; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2020, Alabama amended its SAFER AT HOME ORDER OF THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PUBLIC GATHERINGS DUE TO RISK OF INFECTION BY COVID-19 and such order is APPLICABLE STATEWIDE; and

WHEREAS, the City of Selma recognizes and acknowledges a rapid increase in the spread of COVID-19 Disease nationally, statewide, and in our City; and

WHEREAS, as of November 17, 2020, the United States of America recorded over 160,000 new cases per day and nearly 20,000 confirmed deaths during the month of November caused by the coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, as of November 19, 2020, Alabama has 189,461 confirmed cases of coronavirus, with 27,236 newly recorded cases in the last 14 days, and a confirmed death total of 3,419 persons; and

WHEREAS, as of November 19, 2020, Dallas County, where the City of Selma is the county seat, has recorded 2,134 confirmed cases of coronavirus, with 189 new cases in the last 14 days and a combined confirmed and probable death total at 31 persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Selma is threatened by COVID-19 because of the extraordinary ability of the virus to spread rapidly among humans, and COVID-19 thereby constitutes a clear and present threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City of Selma; and

WHEREAS, while undergoing investigation and development, no vaccine or drug is currently available to prevent COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, City of Selma finds that it is in the best interest of the public peace, health, and safety, and to preserve the lives of citizens of the City of Selma, to endorse the Safer At Home Order issued by the State of Alabama and to impose a quarantine to further the purposes of the measures that have been ordered to-date to control community spread of COVID-19 in the City of Selma; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Code Section 22-12-12, Selma Municipal Code ARTICLE III. – QUARANTINEE AND DISEASE CONTROL and Selma Municipal Code Section 14-45 authorize the Mayor to proclaim a quarantine in the event of health emergencies and contagious or infectious disease; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this the 23th day of November, 2020, that due to the Pandemic Emergency created by COVID-19 and the increased risk of infection posed by public gatherings, it is hereby ORDERED that a quarantine is imposed in the City of Selma for the hours between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., 7 days a week for all citizens with the exception being as outlined in Section below. This quarantine is effective as of November 23, 2020 and shall continue in effect until further notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all public and private gatherings of 25 or more persons or of any size where a consistent distance of at least six feet cannot be maintained are prohibited, except as to those exempted activities provided in this Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this order does not require mandatory closing of businesses; but does require businesses to operate under the SAFER AT HOME ORDER OF THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER and this Order, SUSPENDING CERTAIN PUBLIC GATHERINGS DUE TO RISK OF INFECTION BY COVID-19.

SECTION 1. This quarantine shall not apply to:

1. Public safety or emergency service activities including, but not limited to, law enforcement, fire and rescue services, and emergency management agencies.
2. First responders, crisis intervention workers, public health workers, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, law enforcement personnel, and mental health personnel.
3. Persons employed by or contracted to utilities, cable, and telecommunications companies and engaged in activities necessary to maintain or restore utility, cable, and telecommunications services.
4. Persons providing fire, police, sanitation, security, emergency and hospital services, food delivery services and other deliveries of merchandise or mail.
5. Persons seeking essential services or commodities; persons who are vulnerable to the most serious effects of the COVID-19 disease must remain at home, unless seeking medical treatment.
6. Persons supplying or restocking businesses in order to provide essential services or products, i.e. home improvement, groceries, fuel delivery locations, pharmacies or other retailers offering emergency supplies, transportation of fuels, movement of equipment and personnel for the provision of humanitarian support, and movement of equipment necessary for the protection of critical infrastructure or public safety.
7. Persons employed by the federal, state, county, or city government or their agencies working within the course and scope of their public service employment. Such employees shall follow any current or future directives regarding performance of their duties, including working from home, issued by the respective employers.
8. Persons experiencing homelessness within the City.
9. People may lawfully leave their residence while this Order is in effect to engage in certain essential activities including, without limitation, visiting a health or veterinary care professional, obtaining medical supplies or medication, obtaining grocery items (including, without limitation, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supplies, fresh or frozen meats, fish, and poultry, any other household consumer products and products necessary to maintain the safety and sanitation of residences and other buildings) for their household or to deliver to others, or for legally mandated government purposes. Additionally, any travel related to:
 - A. providing care for minors, the elderly, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.
 - B. returning to one's place of residence from outside the City.
 - C. traveling to one's place of residence located outside the City.
 - D. traveling through the City from one location outside the City to another location outside the City.
 - E. compliance with an Order of law enforcement or court shall be exempt from this Order.
 - F. traveling to or from a place of business which provides essential services by owners and employees of such business.
 - G. work in support of essential activities to perform work providing essential products and services, or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order.
 - H. to care for or support a friend, family member, or pet in another household. providing any services, goods, or work necessary to build, operate, maintain, or manufacture essential infrastructure including, without limitation, construction of commercial, office and institutional buildings, residential buildings and housing; airport operations, food supply concessions, and construction; port operations and construction; water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil extraction, and refining; roads and highways, public transportation and rail; solid waste collection and removal; flood

control and watershed protection; internet and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business, infrastructure, communications, and web-based service); and manufacturing and distribution companies deemed essential to the supply chains of the industries referenced in this Paragraph, provided that they carry out those services and that work in compliance with social distancing practices as prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State Health Officer to the extent possible.

SECTION 2. Implementation: While in the City of Selma, this order:

1. includes all provisions for the State of Alabama Safer at Home Order as amended November 5, 2020,
2. expands the State of Alabama Safer at Home Order as amended November 5, 2020 to immediately limit the number of people who can gather to 25,
3. sets a nighttime curfew between the hours 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., 7 days a week, beginning November 23, 2020, and
4. establishes mandatory wearing of a mask while in a public space because COVID-19 is now known to be airborne.

All Departments of the City and their respective employees to whom this Executive Order applies shall forthwith implement the same in accordance with its terms and requirements.

Nothing contained in this Order shall relieve a person from any requirement to obtain a license or other authorization in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This Order is not intended to conflict with, supersede or contradict any lawful ordinance or resolution duly enacted by the City Council. This Order does not create any right, benefit, or privilege, substantive or procedural, or enforceable at law or in equity by a party against the City, its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employers, agents, or any other person.

SECTION 3. Compliance: Failure to comply with this Order shall be a violation under Selma Municipal Code Section 14-44.

SECTION 4. Severability: If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this proclamation or any application of it to any person, structure, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this proclamation.

So, ordered from City of Selma, Office of Mayor on this the 23th day of November 2020.



James Perkins, Jr.
Mayor, City of Selma, Alabama