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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JEFFERSON COUNTY ENACTS STAY at HOME ORDERS to PREVENT SPREAD OF COVID-19

Hillsboro, MO. – County Executive Dennis Gannon and Jefferson County Health Department Director, Kelley Vollmar, in consultation with the Jefferson County Emergency Management Director, Warren Robinson have announced that Jefferson County is adopting new restrictions to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the region. The new restrictions will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on March 24, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 23, 2020.

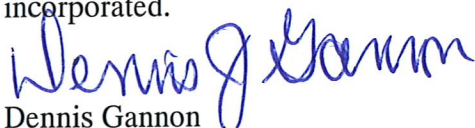
Key components of the Stay at Home Order include the following:


- Residents will still be able to perform tasks essential to the health and safety of individuals, their family, household members and pets, such as obtaining medical supplies or medications, visiting a health care professional, or obtain supplies necessary to work from home.
- Residents will be able to obtain or deliver necessary services or supplies for themselves, household members or others necessary to maintain safety and sanitation.
- Outdoor walking or exercise provided residents maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person.
- Going to work wherein allowed.

The Stay at Home Order also has guidelines for business, government and essential activity. A copy of the Stay at Home Order and Frequently Asked Questions is attached to this press release.

It is our intention that the continuity of business activities remain in place and uninterrupted as much as possible. However, in order to combat the spread of this pandemic, people must refrain from all non-essential travel and stay at home as much as possible.

This Stay at Home Order is issued for and applies to all of Jefferson County, unincorporated and incorporated.


Dennis Gannon
Jefferson County Executive


Kelley Vollmar
Jefferson County Health Department Director

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-030.3

and

HEALTH DIRECTOR ORDER 1

JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

JOINT STAY AT HOME ORDER

WHEREAS, This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. CDT on March 24, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. CDT on April 23, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by us, jointly.

WHEREAS, our intent is to ensure that the maximum number of people stay at home to slow the spread of COVID-19. All provisions of this Order shall be interpreted to effectuate this intent. This Order is meant for that purpose; for citizens to travel and conduct business only for the most essential items and reasons as set forth herein, but otherwise remain home.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is considered an infectious disease, contagious, communicable and dangerous for purposes of Sections 192.020-1; 192.139; and 192.300 RSMo (2019).

WHEREAS, in all cases, including the exceptions described herein, individuals must adhere to social distancing recommendations, that include maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals and no more than ten (10) individuals are to assemble at the same time in one location.

WHEREAS, in all cases, individuals should adhere to preventive recommendations that include washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, not shaking hands, and by all means staying home if you feel ill.

WHEREAS, By the authority vested in us by and through Constitution of the State of Missouri, Sections 44.080 and 192.300 RSMo (2019); 19 CSR 20-20.020; 19 20-20.050(1) pursuant to 19 CSR 20-20.010(24); the Charter of Jefferson County, Missouri, and with the Jefferson County Health Center, upon consultation with the Director of Emergency Management, The Director of the Jefferson County Health Department, regional health officials and other regional leaders, we hereby enter this Joint Order.

NOW THEREFORE, the following shall be the Joint Order of the County Executive and the Director of the Jefferson County Health Director,

I. Individuals

All individuals living within Jefferson County, Missouri, are ordered to remain at home and limit all unnecessary travel except as needed for the following activities:

- (a) To perform tasks essential to the health and safety of individuals, their family, household members and pets, such as obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies necessary to work from home.
- (b) To obtain or deliver necessary services or supplies for themselves, household members or others necessary to maintain safety and sanitation.
- (c) Outdoor walking or exercise provided they maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person.
- (d) Going to work wherein allowed.

II. Businesses and Governmental Operations

All businesses are allowed to maintain the value of inventory and infrastructure, provide security, process payroll or employee benefits, or facilitate employees working remotely, but are required to **CEASE** all other activities.

This Order **DOES NOT APPLY** to any business deemed essential and as defined by the Department of Homeland Security and the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency.

FURTHERMORE, the following businesses are **EXEMPT** from the above requirements:

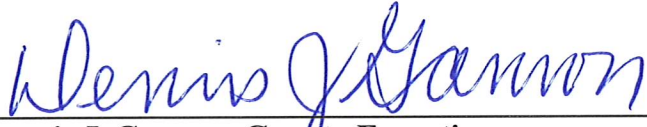
- (a) Healthcare facilities and businesses that produce or provide medical care, supplies or Medicine, blood banks and the ongoing construction projects of any healthcare facility, healthcare or supply business and/or medical facility in response to this emergency. This provision does not include fitness centers or gyms, massage parlors, salons, barbershops, nail salons or similar establishments;
- (b) Grocery stores, convenience stores, or other establishments engaged in the retail sale of any food item or other household consumer products and food production;
- (c) Restaurants and bars, but only for pickup/curbside/carry-out/take-out/delivery as set forth in Executive Order 20-030.2, and Jefferson County Health Department Ordinance 20-03-18-01 both of which remains in full force and effect;
- (d) Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, or goods;

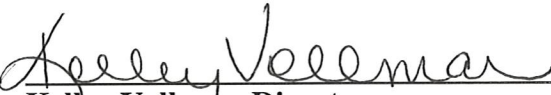
- (e) Businesses that provide food, shelter, utilities, social services, firearms dealers or retailers, or other necessities;
- (f) Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;
- (g) Food and beverage wholesaling, storage, warehousing, and distribution businesses;
- (h) Newspapers, television, radio and other media;
- (i) Gas stations, vehicle-supply, vehicle-repair, and related facilities;
- (j) Banks and financial institutions;
- (k) Hardware stores and building trade supply stores;
- (l) Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
- (m) Laundromats, laundry service providers, cleaning and janitorial services;
- (n) Transportation and motorized equipment and vehicles services including manufacturing, sales, repair, rental, taxis and rideshares;
- (o) Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;
- (p) Facilities and shelters for adults and children;
- (q) Long-term care facilities, including hospice;
- (r) Hotels and other commercial lodging;
- (s) Professional services (e.g. accountants, lawyers, engineers);
- (t) Construction, Trade and Infrastructure (e.g. building, building management and maintenance, plumbing, electrical, HVAC systems, waste/wastewater treatment plants and power generation, Information Technology, and any equipment manufacturer, sales and/or service provider associated for the maintenance of those businesses or industrial equipment, etc.). This includes construction required in response to this public health emergency, hospital construction, construction of long-term care facilities, public works construction, and housing construction;
- (u) Childcare facilities are still allowed to provide services for children of health providers, government employees, first responders, and all emergency personnel only;
- (v) Manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for exempt businesses;
- (w) Federal, state, and local government;
- (x) Other small or solo business with 10 or less total employees including management and owner(s). To clarify, this provision does not include fitness centers or gyms, massage parlors, salons, barbershops, nail salons or similar establishments;
- (y) Funeral Homes, Crematoriums, and other Memorial and after-life service providers;
and,

(z) Such other exceptions as I and/or the Director of Health may specifically designate by further Order or Ordinance.

If any part of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect and to this end the provisions of this Order are severable.

SO ORDERED:

Date: 3/23/2020 
Dennis J. Gannon, County Executive
Jefferson County, Missouri

Date: 3/23/2020 
Kelley Vollmar, Director
Jefferson County Health Center

	Jefferson County, Missouri	
	3/23/2020	
FAQ'S FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY STAY AT HOME ORDER COVID-19		
General		
1	What is open? What can I do?	Those questions are answered below.
2	How long will it last?	Until April 23, 2020
3	How will it be enforced?	Jefferson County Health Department and Jefferson County, Missouri and by Court Order, if necessary
4	Who is in charge?	County Executive Dennis Gannon/Health Director Kelly Vollmar
Journalists		
5	Can I still report the news?	Yes, see Section II(h).
Businesses/Employers		
6	Can residential and commercial construction projects continue?	Yes, see Section II(t).
7	Can lawn cutting and landscaping services continue?	Yes, will be considered providing necessities under Section II(e).
8	What type of appliance and home repair businesses can continue? (plumbers, electricians, painters, etc.)?	All, see Section II(t).
9	Can housecleaning and maid services continue?	Yes, see Section II(m).
10	Can I operate my dry-cleaning, laundry or laundromat service?	Yes, see Section II(m).
11	Can car dealerships stay open?	Yes, see Section II(n).
12	Are ride-share businesses (Uber, Lyft) considered able to operate?	Yes, see Section II(n).
13	Can I keep my barber shop/beauty salon open?	No, see Sections II and II(a).
14	Can outdoor recreational businesses remain open? (dog parks, golf courses, gun ranges, etc.)?	Yes, but participants must maintain a distance of six feet from each other, see Section I(c).
15	I am lawyer, accountant, engineer or other professional can I still meet with my clients?	Yes, see Section II(s).
Essential Business Employees		

16	Will I be able to get to my job?	Yes, see Section I(d).
17	I am an employee of an Exempt Business. Do I need a special card, badge or ID to be able to travel to work?	No.
18	Will public transit be available to get me to work?	Yes, see Section II(n).
19	Can I drive across jurisdictions to get to work (for instance, I live in Jefferson County but work in St. Louis County)?	Yes. See Section I(d).
20	Can I take an Uber or Lyft to get to work?	Yes, see Section II(n).
Families/Homeowners/Residents		
21	Can lawn cutting and landscaping services continue?	Yes, will be considered as providing necessities under Section II(e).
22	Will USPS, UPS, FedEx, Amazon and other services still deliver mail and packages?	Yes, see Section II(d).
23	Can we go to the grocery store?	Yes, see Section II(b).
24	Can we go to the doctor's office?	Yes, see Section II(a).
25	Can we go to the pharmacy?	Yes, see Section II(a).
26	Can I go to my psychologist/counselor/therapist?	Yes, see Section II(a).
27	Can we go to the drycleaners or laundromat?	Yes, see Section II(m).
28	What type of appliance and home repair businesses can continue? (plumbers, electricians, painters, etc.)	All, see Section II(t).
29	Can housecleaning and maid services continue?	Yes, see Section II(m).
30	Will malls and strip centers close?	Businesses that are exempt, see Sections II(a) through II (z), can remain open.
31	I live in an apartment building or condo. Can I use courtyards, gyms and other common areas within my building?	No. See Sections II and II(a).
32	Can I go to a commercial gym or fitness center?	No. See Sections II and II(a).
33	Will restaurants and bars still be able to provide take-out or delivery service?	Yes, see Section II(c).
34	Can my babysitter still come?	Yes, see Section II(o).
35	Is my daycare still open?	Only for dependents of government workers, health providers, first responders and emergency personnel, see Section II(u).

36	Can I care for an ailing relative?	Yes, see Section II(o).
37	Can I walk around my neighborhood?	Yes, see Section I(c).
38	Can I take my dog for a walk?	Yes, see Section I(c).
39	A family member has a health condition that requires a personal health aide. Can the aide still come to their home to take care of them?	Yes, see Section II(o).
40	Can I still purchase firearms and ammunition?	Yes, see Section II(e).
41	Can I go to my barbershop or salon?	No, see Section II(a).
42	Can I get a massage?	No, see Section II(a).
43	Will I be able to have a funeral for my deceased loved-one?	Yes, so long as the service complies with the 10-person limit. See section II(w).
44	Will I be able to go to the bank?	Yes, see Section II(j).
Non-Resident Visitors		
45	Can I still leave Jefferson County to travel home?	Yes.
46	Is there a deadline by which I need to leave?	No.
47	Will there be open travel on roads/highways?	Yes
48	Will Festus airport be allowed to remain open?	Yes, see Section II(n).
Hotel Operators		
49	Must all hotels close? For how long?	Hotels may remain open. See Section II(r). But they cannot hold gatherings of any kind of more than 10 individuals.
50	What should we do about guests currently staying in our hotel?	Restaurant rules under Section II(c) apply.
51	Can I volunteer my hotel to house emergency workers or others who need to quarantine?	Yes. Contact the County or Heath Department.
52	Can my hotel bar/restaurant continue to provide take-away or delivery service?	Yes.
Recreation		
53	Will local parks remain open for outdoor walking or exercise?	Yes.
54	Can I drive to a park not near my home to walk or exercise?	Yes.
55	Can I drive out of the County to go to a park?	Yes.