



**CITY OF WHITE HOUSE  
EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**BY THE MAYOR**

No. 001

**AN ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE NOVEL  
CORONAVIRUS IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AND TO FACILITATE THE  
CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus that can result in mild or severe symptoms, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can lead to serious illness or death, particularly in the case of older adults and persons with serious medical conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, in late 2019, a significant outbreak of COVID-19 occurred, and this disease has since spread to many countries; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2020, the Tennessee Department of Health activated the State Health Operations Center (SHOC), and on January 21, 2020, following CDC guidance, the Department designated COVID-19 as a reportable disease in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Bill Lee of the State of Tennessee announced the formation of a Coronavirus Task Force to enhance Tennessee's coordinated efforts to prevent, identify, and treat potential cases of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the first case of COVID-19 in the State of Tennessee was identified, and several additional confirmed or presumptively positive cases of COVID-19 have since been identified in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a global pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, several states, counties, and cities throughout the country have declared states of emergency to facilitate their responses to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, a state of emergency has been declared through Executive Order issued March 12, 2020, Governor Bill Lee of the State of Tennessee in connection with the COVID-19 disease outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread and identification of additional cases of COVID-19 in Tennessee is likely to continue, and therefore, taking proactive steps to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety is paramount; and

**WHEREAS**, confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Robertson and Sumner Counties, Tennessee, it is advisable to be pro-active in adopting local measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and to aid in its containment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of White House, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have a responsibility to take all reasonably possible actions to ensure public health, safety, and welfare in the event of an infectious disease pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, empirical medical evidence and expert reports strongly indicate and advice that the spread of the COVID-19 disease is effectively slowed by frequent hand washing, social distancing, self-quarantine, and the reduction of public interactions and gatherings of groups of people; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of this Order are necessary to maximize efforts to protect the health and safety of City employees and all White House residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City government desires and intends to continue to provide exemplary government services of the highest quality to White House residents and visitors while dealing effectively with the challenges presented by the pandemic through a reasoned, flexible response and pro-active steps to stem the spread of the pandemic and lessen its impact on public health, safety, and welfare, and on local economic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Code Annotated §58-2-110 and §58-8-104 provides the City Mayor with the power and authority to declare a local state of emergency, to include in cases of disease outbreaks and epidemics, which shall have an immediate effect when declared for a period of seven (7) days, but may have continuing effect beyond (7) days in seven (7) day increments; and

**WHEREAS**, a person who willfully violates an order issued commits a Class C misdemeanor.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Arnold, Mayor of the City of White House, Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Charter for the City of White House, Tennessee, and the City Code, and other applicable law, do hereby declare a state of emergency exists in the City of White House to facilitate an effective response to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to aid in its containment, and do hereby order the following:

1. The provisions of the City Municipal Emergency Operations Plan are ordered into effect as applicable.
2. All Parks and Recreation Department events, activities, and programs are canceled during the time period of this declared state of emergency, and any extension thereof.
3. Public Library and Visitor Center/Museum normally opened to the public are closed.
4. All citizens of White House are urged to shelter at home as much as possible. When individuals shelter in their homes or places of residence, they should practice appropriate social isolation, staying six feet apart, and should assume others are infectious, regardless of whether they exhibit symptoms.
5. All gatherings are strongly discouraged, and those with more than 10 people are prohibited. Gatherings include any event or convening unrelated to essential services that brings



together groups of individuals, including, but not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, faith based, sporting events, parades, concerts, festivals, conventions, fundraisers, and similar activities.

6. Restaurants, bars, and similar food or drink establishments, including night clubs, shall not be open to persons, except only to offer drive-thru, pickup, carryout, or delivery service for food and drink.
7. Gyms or fitness/exercise centers or substantially similar facilities shall not be open to members or the public.
8. Persons and businesses should take particular care to protect the well-being of those populations especially vulnerable to COVID-19.
9. All members of the public and businesses are strongly encouraged to follow and comply with guidance and directives issued by the federal CDC and state and local departments of health.
10. Citizens and visitors are expected to follow all emergency declaration orders given by Robertson County Mayor, Sumner County Mayor, and the Governor of the State of Tennessee.
11. All members of the public are strongly encouraged to remain calm, to resist panic purchasing, consider their neighbors who have need, and to look after and help those most at risk to this pandemic to include the elderly and those with suppressed immune systems. Our faith prescribes life, and life more abundantly. Our finest hour is at hand.
12. This Executive Order and Declaration of a Local State of Emergency shall remain in effect until 4:00pm, Central Daylight Time, on March 30, 2020, at which time this Order and declaration of emergency shall cease and be of no further force and effect, unless sooner terminated, or extended in seven (7) day increments, by written amendment hereof, or by subsequent written order issued, in accordance with law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have subscribed by signature and caused the Seal of the City of White House to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.



Michael Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:



Derek Watson, City Recorder





STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 14

**AN ORDER SUSPENDING PROVISIONS OF CERTAIN STATUTES AND  
RULES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE TREATMENT AND CONTAINMENT OF  
COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus that can result in mild or severe symptoms, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can lead to serious illness or death, particularly in the case of older adults and persons with serious chronic medical conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is frequently spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, in late 2019, a significant outbreak of COVID-19 was identified in China, and this disease has since spread to many other countries; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there have been 938 cases of COVID-19 identified in the United States, which have resulted in 29 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2020, the Tennessee Department of Health activated the State Health Operations Center (SHOC), and on January 21, 2020, following CDC guidance, the Department designated COVID-19 as a reportable disease in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, I announced the formation of a Coronavirus Task Force to enhance Tennessee's coordinated efforts to prevent, identify, and treat potential cases of COVID-19, and that task force convened its first meeting a few days later; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the first case of COVID-19 in the State of Tennessee was identified, and several additional confirmed or presumptively positive cases of COVID-19 have since been identified in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a global pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, several states, including Kentucky, Florida, North Carolina, Colorado, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and others, have declared states of emergency to facilitate their responses to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread and identification of additional cases of COVID-19 in Tennessee is likely to continue, and therefore, taking proactive steps to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety is paramount; and

**WHEREAS**, public and private health care, emergency, and other entities are engaged in efforts throughout the state to treat and prevent the additional spread of COVID-19, and the provisions of this Order are necessary to maximize those efforts to protect the health and safety of Tennesseans; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e)(1), provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to "[s]uspend any law, order, rule or regulation prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with any such law, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;" and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to this authority and the general emergency management powers of the Governor under law, the temporary suspension of selected state laws and rules is necessary to facilitate the response to the current public health situation.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, do hereby declare a state of emergency exists to facilitate the response to COVID-19 and order the following:

1. The Commissioner of Health or her designee, in conjunction with the Director of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) or his designee, shall implement the Tennessee Emergency Management Plan (TEMP) and all applicable annexes to coordinate the State's response to COVID-19.
2. The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 63 and 68, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Health the discretion to allow a health care professional who is licensed in another state, and who would otherwise be subject to licensing requirements under Title 63 or Title 68, to engage in the practice of such individual's profession in Tennessee,

if such individual is a health care professional who is assisting in the medical response to COVID-19.

3. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-10-207(a) and (c), are hereby suspended to allow a pharmacist to dispense an extra 30-day supply of maintenance prescriptions without proper authorization to persons as is necessary to respond to and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Tennessee, subject to all other provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 63-10-207 and 63-1-164.
4. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201(20), are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to allow health care professionals who would otherwise be subject to licensing requirements to provide localized treatment of patients in temporary residences.
5. The provisions of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1200-06-03-.16 are suspended to allow testing for COVID-19 at alternate testing sites without prior approval by the Medical Laboratory Board; provided, that laboratories shall notify the Medical Laboratory Board of any such alternate testing sites.
6. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-202(c)(1)-(8), are hereby suspended to allow for the construction of temporary structures, the plans for which would otherwise be subject to review for new construction, additions, or substantial alterations, as directed by the Commissioner of Health and the Director of TEMA in response to COVID-19; provided, that there shall be inspections of such structures to ensure safety, as necessary.
7. In accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-18-5103, it is hereby declared that in Tennessee an abnormal economic disruption exists, and therefore, persons are prohibited from charging any other person a price for medical supplies or emergency supplies, as listed in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-18-5103(a)(1)(C) and (D), that is grossly in excess of the price generally charged for the same or similar goods or services in the usual course of business. Paragraph 7 of this Order shall remain in effect until 12:01 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on March 27, 2020.
8. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-401, through Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-413, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-201, through Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-209, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1680-07-01-.01 through Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1680-07-01-.25 that set forth maximum height, length, and width limitations are hereby suspended in the case of vehicles participating in the response to COVID-19, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. A vehicle must be transporting emergency supplies, equipment, or mobile structures to affected areas.



- b. A vehicle shall be permitted only to travel on (1) Interstate Highways; (2) highways on the National Highway System; and (3) other state-maintained roads as may be required to obtain access to needed services off of the aforementioned highways, without any restrictions on their time of movement except as may otherwise be provided in this Order.
  - c. A vehicle may transport a divisible or non-divisible load up to a maximum gross vehicle weight of 95,000 pounds and a maximum axle weight of 20,000 pounds, except on any bridge or overpass with a lower posted weight limit.
  - d. The outer bridge span of any five-axle truck tractor/semi-trailer combination shall be no less than fifty-one feet (51').
  - e. The overall dimensions of a vehicle and load shall not exceed:
    - i. One hundred feet (100') in length;
    - ii. Fourteen feet, four inches (14' 4") in height on the Interstate Highway System, except on Interstate 55, and thirteen feet, six inches (13' 6") in height on Interstate 55 and any other highway on the National Highway System; or
    - iii. Fourteen feet, six inches (14' 6") in width.
  - f. Vehicles that do not exceed ten feet (10') in width may travel seven (7) days per week during daylight or nighttime hours without any time restrictions.
  - g. Any person, firm, company, corporation, or other entity that undertakes the movement of any overweight and/or overdimensional article and/or commodity on the highways of Tennessee shall hold Tennessee and its officers and employees harmless from any claims for damages resulting from the exercise of any of the privileges granted under this Order and, to this end, shall carry liability insurance with an insurer, acceptable to the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Oversize and Overweight Permit Office, in the amount of not less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for each claimant and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. The transporter shall carry the certificate of insurance in the vehicle at all times.
  - h. Paragraph 8(c) of this Order shall take effect only upon the issuance of and in accordance with an appropriate declaration by the President of the United States.
9. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.23, as adopted by Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1340-06-01-.08, there is hereby provided a temporary exception from the federal rules and regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 395 limiting the hours of service for the

operator of a commercial motor vehicle providing supplies, equipment, personnel, and other provisions to assist persons affected by COVID-19, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as an exemption from the Commercial Driver's License requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 383, the financial requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 387, or applicable federal size and weight limitations.
  - b. No motor carrier operating under the terms of this Order shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a motor vehicle. A driver who notifies a motor carrier that he or she needs immediate rest shall be given at least ten (10) consecutive hours off-duty before the driver is required to return to service.
10. The relevant provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5, and related rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give the Commissioner of Human Services the discretion to waive the child care licensure requirements, including requirements concerning capacity, care categories, grouping, license transfers, and drop-in centers, if necessary to respond to the effects of COVID-19.
  11. The Division of TennCare is hereby authorized to create policies or modify existing policies as is necessary to ensure that members of the TennCare and CoverKids programs continue to receive medically necessary services without disruption during this state of emergency.
  12. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e)(2), I hereby direct the Tennessee Department of Health and the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance to continue working with health insurance plans operating in the state to identify and remove any burdens to responding to COVID-19 and improve access to treatment options and medically necessary screening and testing for COVID-19.
  13. This Order shall remain in effect until 12:01 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on May 11, 2020, at which time the suspension of any state laws and rules shall cease and be of no further force or effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 12th day of March, 2020.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST  
  
SECRETARY OF STATE







ANTHONY HOLT  
SUMNER COUNTY MAYOR

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN SUMNER COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

As the previous weeks have shown, the COVID-19 virus has generated a worldwide challenge that we must face in order to protect ourselves, our families and our world. It has been our goal in Sumner County, to remain ready and prepared to battle this pandemic and the challenges it has presented.

I would like to begin by thanking all of our great citizens who are stepping up to help others during this unprecedented time. During these trying times it reassures me to see all of the acts of kindness and generosity towards those most affected by this pandemic. I am especially thankful to all of those who are taking the expert advice seriously and are limiting unnecessary contact with others. Please isolate yourself as much as possible and only buy what is needed.

Sumner County will continue running essential government functions. If your business can be done over the phone or online, please use those options.

**THEREFORE, I, Anthony Holt, County Mayor of Sumner County, Tennessee do hereby find and proclaim that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes an emergency in Sumner County, Tennessee, beginning March 20, 2020.**

Pursuant to this declaration, I direct that this proclamation shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations. By this declaration, I direct that any legal steps necessary be taken by our employees and staff to protect our county.

With all of us working together we will get through this pandemic. I ask for your continued support and prayers at this time.

God Bless you,

**Anthony Holt  
County Mayor**

**Dated this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.**



## **Robertson County Emergency Declaration** ***Robertson County EMA***

**Robertson County, TN. (March 18, 2020)** -Robertson County Mayor Billy Vogle declared a State of Local Emergency for Robertson County, Tennessee in compliance to TCA 58-8-104. The emergency declaration allows local officials to suspend policies, request mutual-aid assistance, employ workers and distribute public funds.

**The Robertson County Courthouse and Government buildings will be closed to the public from Friday, March 20 until further notice.**

Contact the County Mayor's Office at 615-384-2476.

The courthouse and other county offices will be open for business by email and telephone. The offices and phone numbers are listed below.

- Circuit Court Clerk: 615-384-7864
- County Clerk: 615-384-5895
- Chancery Court: 615-384-5650
- General Sessions: 615-382-2324
- Trustee: 615-384-4238
- Juvenile Court: 615-384-8815
- Assessor: 615-384-4311
- Register of Deeds: 615-384-3772

Robertson County Detention Facility inmate visitation will continue to operate due to its non-contact video visitation system. Individuals who need information from the Robertson County Sheriff's Office are recommended to call 615-384-7971 or email [info@robertsonsheriff.com](mailto:info@robertsonsheriff.com).

The public library is closed, however will be offering curbside services for holds placed online.

The veterans service is closed to home visits and can be contacted by telephone, 615-358-1304.

If you are able to conduct your government business online or by telephone, please do so.

Robertson County Schools will be providing meals for all children of Robertson County beginning next Tuesday, March 23, 2020. Details can be found on the [www.rcstn.net](http://www.rcstn.net) under COVID alert.

Citizens are encouraged to use take-out or delivery services instead of eating inside a restaurant. Also refrain from taking drastic measures when it comes to purchasing food and household items.

Many rumors are circulating regarding COVID-19 in Robertson County. Trust only the information that comes from local, state and federal officials and offices.

The next 14 days are critical and citizens must do what they can to flatten the curve, such as staying home if you can and not shaking hands.

The Coronavirus, COVID-19, was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019 and has spread to the United States. The first US case was identified on January 21, 2020. As of 2 p.m. on March 18, there are 98 confirmed cases in Tennessee. For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

Continue to follow the guidelines from the CDC [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).



Continue to follow the guidelines from the CDC

1. Listen to and follow the directions of your state and local authorities.
2. If you feel sick, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.
3. If your children are sick, keep them at home. Do not send them to school or daycare. Contact your medical provider.
4. If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.
5. If you are an older adult, stay home and away from other people.
6. If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.
7. Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to stop the spread of the coronavirus:
  1. Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible
  2. If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.
  3. Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
  4. Avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants, and food courts - use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options.
  5. Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.
  6. Do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
8. Practice good hygiene.
  1. Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
  2. Avoid touching your face and sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
  3. Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.