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**PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR
REGARDING THE INITIAL COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN
FOR THE CITY OF CENTER POINT, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11-47-130 *et seq.* of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, “[a]ll cities and towns in this state shall have the power to maintain the health and cleanliness of the city or town within its limits and within the police jurisdiction thereof;”

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11-43-81 of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, the Mayor has “general supervision and control over all other officers and affairs of the city or town, except as otherwise provided [by law];”

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Director of the World Health Organization described the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) outbreak as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a “Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease Outbreak;”

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Alabama issued a proclamation of a state of public health emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been designated by the Alabama Department of Public Health to be a disease of epidemic potential, a threat to the health and welfare of the public, or otherwise of public health importance;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a dangerous disease that should be immediately isolated and reported in the interest of public health;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has noted that COVID-19 (SARS-Coronavirus-2) is highly infectious and deadly for certain vulnerable groups;

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Public Health has noted that COVID-19 is highly infectious and deadly;



WHEREAS, a rapidly growing number of cases of COVID-19 is being detected in Jefferson County, and there are certain to be many more undetected cases in the county and surrounding areas;

WHEREAS, scientific analysis has found that COVID-19 has case fatality rates varying from 1.0% of cases to as high as 2.3%;

WHEREAS, Section 22-3-5(2) of the *Code of Alabama 1975* authorizes the County Health Officer to “institute immediate measures to prevent the spread of such [notifiable] disease” and the County Health Officer having examined the evidence issued an official order on March 16, 2020, updated by a second order on March 19, 2020, both attached hereto as EXHIBIT A (the “JCDH Orders”);

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the State Health Officer issued a similar order for counties surrounding Jefferson, including Blount, Saint Clair, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, and Walker Counties,

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the State Health Officer entered an order providing that the Jefferson and Mobile County Health Officers are authorized, after consultation with the State Health Officer, to implement more stringent measures as local circumstances require;

WHEREAS, the goal of this Center Point initial response plan is to institute a protocol to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the City of Center Point, Alabama, particularly through the use of its public facilities;

WHEREAS, this plan is based on the JCDH Orders and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the CDC has announced that containment of the virus is no longer possible and that community spread is occurring; and

WHEREAS, this plan may be updated as new information is disseminated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas E. Henderson, Mayor of the City of Center Point, Alabama (“City”), proclaim and direct the following:

1. Pursuant to the JCDH Orders the Center Point Senior Center closed as of Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and will remain closed until further notice. Efforts are being made to provide lunches on a drive-through basis and delivery of lunches for those who cannot get to the Senior Center. Call (205) 854-4472 for more information.
2. Effective immediately, the Center Point Community Center, the Center Point Sports Complex, the Center Point Public Library (opening postponed), and all City of Center Point parks (Henderson/Civitan Park, Reed-Harvey Park and Center Point Satellite Courthouse Park) and athletic fields are closed to the public, pending further notice. All Center Point Youth Sports programs are cancelled, pending further notice.
3. Effective immediately, the Center Point City Hall will have no foot traffic. No citizen will be allowed in City Hall without a pre-established appointment and subject to the guidelines of this Proclamation. Where possible, business should be conducted by telephone (205) 854-4460, by email, online, by mail, by, or by means other than in-person contact. Those who wish to get business license may call (205) 854-4460, option 2. Those who wish to obtain permits or schedule inspections may call (205) 854-4617, option 3. An in-person

appointment will only be permitted when one of the foregoing options for contact are not feasible.

This does not apply to public meetings, which area addressed separately below.

4. Effective immediately, the following persons shall not enter or remain upon any City of Center Point-owned facility or property:
 - Persons who have been, within the last fourteen (14) days, in any area identified by the CDC as subject to a Warning Level 3 Travel Health Notice or as a place of “Widespread sustained spread and restrictions on travel to the United States,” see <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices> (This list may be updated from time to time);
 - Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has been in one of the areas listed above within the last fourteen (14) days;
 - Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, health agency, or their employer;
 - Persons who have been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; and
 - Persons who have a fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher), cough, have trouble breathing, or are obviously unwell, and have not been free of those conditions for forty-eight (48) hours.
 - Any person seeking to enter a meeting must have their temperature taken and shall not enter with a fever.

Anyone attempting entry in violation of these protocols will be denied entry. Any person who has business to conduct at Center Point City Hall but is unable to appear because of the restrictions above should contact the appropriate department by telephone at (205) 854-4460. Citizens should also refer to the City of Center Point’s website at www.thecityofcenterpoint.org.

5. I have been notified that the City Council meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2020 and April 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., will be held as scheduled. The Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2020 has been cancelled.
6. Effective immediately, the following persons shall not physically attend any meeting of the Center Point City Council, Center Point Planning and Zoning Commission, or the Center Point Library Board:
 - Persons who have been, within the last fourteen (14) days, in any area identified by the CDC as subject to a Level 3 Travel Health Notice or as a place of “Widespread sustained spread and restrictions on travel to the United States,” see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html> (This list may be updated from time to time);
 - Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has been in one of the areas listed above within the last fourteen (14) days;
 - Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, health agency, or their employer;
 - Persons who have been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or the flu; and

- Persons who have a fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher), cough, have trouble breathing, or are obviously unwell, and have not been free of those conditions for forty-eight (48) hours.
- Any person seeking to enter a meeting must have their temperature taken and shall not enter with a fever.

Anyone attempting entry in violation of these protocols will be denied entry.

The CDC has explained that large gatherings can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States. Accordingly, while citizens have a right to attend these meetings, the City of Center Point discourages attendance during this state of emergency. Additionally, all meetings shall comply with orders of the Alabama Department of Public Health and the JCDH Orders to maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons and limit the size of public gatherings. As a result, the number of persons able to attend meetings will be more limited than usual. The City will post its meeting agenda online and will make the minutes of the meetings available as soon as possible.

Please be mindful that our public servants will likely also be affected by the present State of Emergency, and therefore, their availability may be further limited according to their personal situations. We will make every effort to meet citizen needs as they arise.

DONE this the 20th day of March, 2020.



Thomas E Henderson, Mayor

EXHIBIT A

ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PUBLIC GATHERINGS DUE TO RISK OF INFECTION BY COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") has been designated by the Alabama Department of Public Health 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, *Ala. Code § 22-3-5(2)* authorizes the County Health Officer to "institute immediate measures to prevent the spread of such [notifiable] disease."

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a dangerous disease that should be immediately isolated and reported in the interest of public health; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has noted that COVID-19 (SARS-Coronavirus-2) is highly infectious and deadly for certain vulnerable groups.

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Public Health has noted that COVID-19 is highly infectious and deadly.

WHEREAS, a rapidly growing number of cases of COVID-19 is being detected in Jefferson County, and there are certain to be many more undetected cases in the county and surrounding areas.

WHEREAS, scientific analysis has found that COVID-19 has case fatality rates varying from 1.0% of cases to as high as 2.3%; and

WHEREAS, the County Health Officer having examined the evidence is of the opinion that official orders should issue.


NOW THEREFORE, THESE PREMISES CONSIDERED, it is ordered by the County Health Officer:

1. Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, all gatherings of 25 persons or more, or gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons, are prohibited until further notice. This Order shall apply to all such gatherings including, without limitation, community, civic, public, leisure, exercise, faith-based, and sporting events with spectators, concerts, conventions, fundraisers, parades, fairs, festivals, or any similar event or activity that brings 25 or more persons in a single room or single space at the same time.
2. Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, all Senior Citizen Center gatherings shall be closed.
 - a. Senior Citizens Centers and their partners are urged to assure that their clients continue to receive needed meals via curbside pick-up or delivery.

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9. This order is effective until it is either (1) withdrawn in writing or (2) COVID-19 is removed from the Alabama Department of Public Health's notifiable diseases schedule.

DONE AND ORDERED on this the 16th day of March, 2020.



Mark E. Wilson, M.D.
County Health Officer

EXHIBIT A

ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PUBLIC GATHERINGS AND CLOSING NONESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND SERVICES DUE TO RISK OF INFECTION BY COVID-19

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

WHEREAS, community transmission of the infectious agent COVID-19 in Jefferson County 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 16, 2020, the Jefferson County Health Officer, in response to a rapidly growing number of cases of COVID-19 being detected in Jefferson County, issued an order suspending certain public gatherings in that county; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the State Health Officer issued a similar order for counties surrounding Jefferson, including Blount, Saint Clair, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, and Walker Counties, and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the State Health Officer entered an order providing that the Jefferson and Mobile County Health Officers are authorized, after consultation with the State Health Officer, to implement more stringent measures as local circumstances require; and

WHEREAS, further social distancing measures are necessary to be implemented to further prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, *Ala. Code § 22-3-5(2)* authorizes the County Health Officer to "institute immediate measures to prevent the spread of such disease."

NOW, THEREFORE, THESE PREMISES CONSIDERED, it is ordered by the County Health Officer:

1. Effective March 20, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., all nonessential businesses and services shall be closed. Attached to this Order is a list of all such nonessential business and services.
2. Effective immediately, all gatherings of 10 persons or more, or gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons, are prohibited until further notice. This Order shall apply to all gatherings, events, or activities that bring 10 or more persons in a single room or single space at the same time.

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3. All Senior Citizen Center gatherings shall remain closed. Senior Citizen Centers and their partners are urged to assure that their clients continue to receive needed meals via curbside pick-up or delivery.
4. Effective immediately, all the following shall remain closed until April 6, 2020:
 - a. All schools.
 - b. Preschools and childcare centers with 12 or more children.
 - i. This shall not apply to employer-operated childcare centers for the exclusive benefit of essential employees premises of State and Local Governments, First Responders (including EMS and Fire Services), Law Enforcement, Hospitals, Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities), and End Stage Renal Disease Treatment Clinics, Pharmacies, Grocers and Financial Institutions
 - ii. This shall also not apply to licensed childcare centers that contract to provide services exclusively to the above-named employers, or that provide services exclusively to children of essential employees of the above-named employers, provided those childcare centers are able to maintain a consistent six-foot distance between children.

Prior to April 6, 2020, a determination shall be made about whether to extend the above closures.
5. Facilities for care of minor children of essential employees of employers in 4 above may be opened, provided:
 - a. Operators of these facilities conduct appropriate screening and supervision of their workers to ensure the health and safety of the children under their care.
 - b. Operators of these facilities follow a plan, approved by the Jefferson County Department of Health, for social distancing and other measures to prevent spread of disease.
6. All Hospitals and Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities) shall prohibit visitation of all visitors and non-essential health care personnel, except for certain compassionate care situations such as end-of-life.

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7. Effective immediately, all elective dental and medical procedures shall be delayed until April 6, 2020. Prior to April 6, 2020, a determination shall be made about whether to extend this provision.
8. Effective immediately, any restaurant, bar, brewery, or similar establishment shall not permit on-premises consumption of food or drink until April 6, 2020.
 - a. Such establishments may continue to offer food for take-out or delivery provided the social distancing protocols including maintaining a consistent six-foot distance between persons are followed, and provided measures are taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on containers of food and other items transferred between food servers and customers.
 - b. Such establishments are strongly encouraged to offer online ordering and curbside pick-up of food.
 - c. Hospital food service areas are excluded from this order provided they have their own social distancing plan.

Prior to April 6, 2020, a determination shall be made about whether to extend this provision.

9. If the organizer or sponsor of an otherwise suspended event desires, they may submit a request for an exemption from this order, at the discretion of the County Health Officer. While the County Health Officer is under no obligation to grant such an exemption, it shall be fairly considered based on the following criteria:
 - a. Effective measures have been taken to identify those attending the event that may potentially be affected with COVID-19, including but not limited to personal testing for the disease or submission of current medical clearances to the organizer.
 - b. Effective measures have been taken to prevent the spread of infection even by those that are infected while not symptomatic, including the provision of anti-infection measures such as proper facemasks, personal sanitation measures, and other measures that may be considered proper.

Requests for an exemption must be submitted AT LEAST two weeks in advance of any scheduled event.

This Order supersedes all orders previously issued by the County Health Officer and shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the current emergency conditions.

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Done on this 19th day of March 2020.



Mark E. Wilson, M.D.
County Health Officer

Non-Essential Services 3/19/2020

Entertainment, including night clubs, bowling alleys, arcades, racetracks, indoor children's play places, pool halls, adult gaming and entertainment venues

Recreation facilities, including gyms and fitness centers, swimming pools and spas, excluding licensed physical therapy services

Nail salons and spas

Casinos

Concert venues and auditoriums

Theaters

Tourist attractions (including museums, planetariums, parades)

Body art facilities and tattoo services

Tanning salons

Massage parlors

Waxing salons/threading salons

Museums and Galleries

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Performing Arts centers/events/rehearsals

Social clubs

Fraternity and Sorority meetings and events

Proms, Formals and other similar events