



Madison County-Stay at Home Order

Supplemental Declaration: Interpretive Guidance

Madison County has issued a Stay at Home Order that goes into effect Friday, March 27, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. The intent of this supplemental declaration is to further minimize all opportunities for exposure and transmission of COVID-19 across the jurisdiction.

This declaration directs all Madison County residents to Stay at Home and to limit movements outside of their homes that are not deemed essential. This declaration is valid through Friday, April 10, 2020 at 6:00 a.m., but will be regularly reviewed and evaluated which may lead to revision, amendment or extension.

This document is intended as interpretive guidance to assist the public's understanding and interpretation of the Supplemental Declaration. It summarizes what Madison County Citizens can do and should not do. It draws distinction between essential and non-essential travel. It defines and summarizes what businesses are deemed essential vs. non-essential. It attempts to answer some Frequently Asked Questions.

Under this Supplemental Order..

Madison County Residents Can:

- Go to the grocery and convenience store
- Go to the pharmacy to pick up medications and healthcare necessities
- Visit a health care facility for medical services that cannot be provided virtually (call first!)
- Go to a restaurant, for take-out, delivery, or drive-thru service only
- Care for or support a friend, family member, or pet
- Take a walk, ride your bike, hike, jog (as long as social distancing measures are maintained)
- Walk your pets and take them to the veterinarian
- Help others to get necessary supplies
- Receive deliveries from any business that delivers

Madison County residents should NOT:

- Go out at all if they are sick
- Go to work, unless providing essential services as defined by this order
- Visit friends and family if there is no specific, urgent need
- Be closer than 6 feet from others if out in public
- Visit loved ones in the hospital, nursing home, skilled nursing facilities, or other residential care facilities, except for limited exceptions as provided by the specific facility
- Travel, except for essential travel and activities.
- Engage in door to door solicitation

Activities that are considered essential:

In General, activities that fall under these categories. Further details can be found in the Supplemental Declaration itself.

- For health and safety
- To get necessary supplies and services

- For outdoor activities (fishing, walking, hiking, golfing, running, cycling, using greenways)
- For work for essential businesses/operations
- To take care of others

I live outside of Madison County. How does this affect me?

If you work in Madison County, then your business/employer must comply with this order. You are allowed to travel through Madison County and conduct essential activities within Madison County and to return home.

What is considered essential travel?

- Any travel related to the provision of or access to essential activities, essential governmental functions, essential businesses and operations, or minimum basic operations.
- Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons
- Travel to or from education institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and other related services
- Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction
- Travel required by law enforcement or court order, including to transport children pursuant to a custody agreement
- Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the County. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the County remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel

Am I allowed to travel?

You are allowed to travel for purposes of essential business and essential activities

Am I allowed to go outside to exercise?

Yes – but maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from all others.

Enforcement Activities

Can I get arrested for violating this order?

All Madison County Law Enforcement entities will enforce the order through education, dialogue, and seeking voluntary cooperation from all residents and businesses. If voluntary cooperation is not achieved, Madison County Law Enforcement is equipped to enforce these restrictions through citations or misdemeanor charges. Any person violating any prohibition or restriction imposed by this order shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

How do I report a violation of this order?

Report violations to your Local Law Enforcement Agency via a Non-emergency line.

I live in Marshall, Mars Hill, or Hot Springs-does this order still apply to me?

Yes – this order applies to all residents within Madison County.

Does this order apply to the homeless?

No – homeless are exempt from this restriction but are urged to find shelter.

How does the local order affect people who work outside of Madison County?

Madison County does not have the authority to regulate employment activities outside of Madison County. While we encourage everyone to stay home and stay safe, residents of Madison County who are employed outside the county may travel to work regardless of the nature of their occupation or whether that would be defined as essential or not under the Madison County declaration.

Guidance on essential services under the supplemental declaration is as follows:

Essential businesses or entities, including any for profit or non-profit, regardless of the nature of the service, the function they perform, or its

corporate or entity structure, are not subject to these restrictions.

(Essential Businesses must continue to comply with the guidance and directives for maintaining a clean and safe work environment issued by the Department of Health i.e. social distancing and sanitation practices).

This guidance is mandated by the Madison County Board of Commissioners and applies to each business location individually and is intended to assist businesses in determining whether they are an essential business and steps to request such designation. With respect to business or entities that operate or provide both essential and non-essential services, supplies or support, only those lines and/or business operations that are necessary to support the essential services, supplies, or support are exempt from the restrictions.

For purposes of this supplemental declaration, "Essential Business," means:

1. Essential Health Care Operations, Including:

- research and laboratory services
- hospitals
- walk-in-care health facilities
- emergency veterinary and livestock services
- elder care
- medical wholesale and distribution
- home health care workers or aides for the elderly
- doctor and emergency dental
- nursing homes, or residential health care facilities or congregate care facilities
- medical supplies and equipment manufacturers and providers
- blood drive and blood collection sites

2. Essential Infrastructure, Including:

- utilities including power generation, fuel supply and transmission
- public water and wastewater
- telecommunications and data centers

- airports/airlines
- transportation infrastructure such as roads, bus, rail, or for-hire vehicles, garages
- hotels, and places of accommodation, when used Any employees who work for a business or organization deemed essential can stay in any lodging.

3. Essential Manufacturing, Including:

- food processing, manufacturing agents, including all foods and beverages
- chemicals
- medical equipment/instruments
- pharmaceuticals
- sanitary products
- telecommunications
- microelectronics/semi-conductor
- agriculture/farms
- household paper products

4. Essential Retail, Including:

- grocery stores including all food and beverage stores
- pharmacies
- convenience stores
- farmer's markets
- gas stations
- restaurants/bars (but only for take-out/delivery)
- hardware and building material stores
- pawn shops

5. Essential Services, Including:

- trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal
- mail and shipping services
- laundromats

- building cleaning and maintenance
- child care services
- auto repair
- warehouse/distribution and fulfillment
- funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries
- storage for essential businesses
- animal shelters

6. News Media

7. Financial Institutions, Including:

- banks
- insurance
- payroll
- accounting
- notary public
- services related to financial markets

8. Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations, Including:

- homeless shelters and congregate care facilities
- food banks
- human services providers whose function includes the direct care of patients in state-licensed or funded voluntary programs; the care, protection, custody and oversight of individuals both in the community and in state-licensed residential facilities; those operating community shelters and other critical human services agencies providing direct care or support

9. Construction, Including:

- skilled trades such as electricians, plumbers
- other related construction firms and professionals for essential

infrastructure, to include public works, roads and bridges, or for emergency repair and safety purposes

10. Defense:

- defense and national security-related operations supporting the U.S. Government or a contractor to the US government, to include the Defense Industry Base's (DIB) Essential Critical Infrastructure

11. Essential Services Necessary to Maintain the Safety, Sanitation and Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses, Including:

- law enforcement
- fire prevention and response
- building code enforcement
- security
- emergency management and response
- building cleaners or janitors
- general maintenance whether employed by the entity directly or a vendor
- automotive repair
- disinfection

12. Vendors that Provide Essential Services or Products, Including Logistics and Technology Support, Child Care and Services:

- logistics
- technology support for online services
- child care programs and services
- government owned or leased buildings
- essential government services