

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH CONTROL MEASURES RELATED TO COVID-19,  
DIRECTING ALL RESIDENTS OF FULTON COUNTY TO SHELTER IN PLACE**

**WHEREAS**, the prevalence of the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) pandemic worldwide and its spread within and throughout Fulton County has caused the Fulton County Board, along with federal, state, and other local bodies to declare a public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Health is empowered by Code Section to 31-3-4(a)(3) to “take such steps as may be necessary to prevent and suppress disease and conditions deleterious to health and to determine compliance with laws and rules, regulations, and standards adopted thereunder”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Health is empowered by Code Section to 31-3-5(a) to “secure compliance with the rules and regulations of the department that have local application” and to “enforce, or cause enforcement of, all laws pertaining to health”; and

**WHEREAS**, when there is a report of a communicable disease impacting a group of people in the jurisdiction, the District Health Director is authorized, pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 511-9-1-.04 to “exercise the authorities and powers set forth in Titles 31 of the Georgia Code, including social distancing, as determined necessary to control the spread of disease” through the issuance of an Administrative Order; and

**WHEREAS**, these state powers include the power to “[f]orestall and correct physical, chemical, and biological conditions that, if left to run their course, could be injurious to health” pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-2A-4(2); and

**WHEREAS**, the regulations applicable to the state’s exercise of public health authority support the establishment of shelter in place provisions as social distancing mechanisms for forestalling biological conditions injurious to health such as the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Health, by its March 24, 2020 Resolution of the Fulton County Board of Health To Declare and Ratify Public Declarations of a Local Public Health Emergency in Fulton County Due to the Threat and Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and to Order the Modification of Certain Business Activities Countywide to Minimize Direct Human Contact, “ratifie[d] the actions of the District Health Director taken to address this outbreak on behalf of the citizens of Fulton County”; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Health Director and staff of the Fulton County Board of Health have determined that the threat to the public health and safety presented by COVID-19 is severe, imminent, and present, and previous efforts to command people within the county to practice social distancing has not produced consistent enough compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Health Director and staff have determined that immediate, stronger action is needed to protect the public health and safety,

**THEREFORE it is hereby ORDERED** as follows:

All residents of Fulton County are commanded to stay at their place of residence. All individuals are permitted to leave their places of residence only to provide or receive certain essential services or engage in certain essential activities and work for essential businesses and essential governmental functions, all as defined herein.

Individuals who are medically fragile in that they are at an increased risk for contracting COVID-19 and people who are sick are strongly encouraged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care ("medically fragile person/people").

Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from this order but are strongly urged to find shelter and government agencies and non-profits to provide shelter, housing and assistance.

Any person showing symptoms recognized by the CDC as indicators of COVID-19 shall refrain from entering public buildings, restaurants, shops, public transportation facilities and all other areas where the public ingresses or egresses. Such person should seek medical attention, follow the directions of their Primary Care Physician, and remain in quarantined in their home until given the clearance to return to public interaction.

All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes as expressly permitted herein. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.

For the purposes of this Order, all businesses that are considered as "essential" shall be those identified in the March 24, 2020 Addendum to the Declaration and Ratification of Public Health Emergency Within Fulton County Due to the Threat and Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Order of Closure or Modification of Certain Business Activities Countywide to Minimize Direct Human Contact to Provide the Enumeration of Essential Businesses and Essential Business Activities, and any subsequent amendment thereto.

Those activities that are considered "essential" for residents under this Administrative Order to shelter in place are:

- a. To engage in activities or tasks essential to an individual or family member's health and safety (including pets);
- b. To obtain necessary services and supplies for themselves, their family or household or to deliver those services or supplies to others;
- c. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals remain at least six feet from each other;
- d. To perform work for Essential Businesses or to obtain products or services from Essential Businesses, including engaging in Minimum Basic Operations;

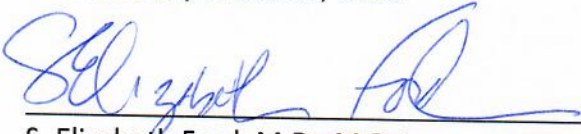
- e. To care for a person who is medically fragile or a family member or pet in another household;
- f. To engage in Essential Governmental Functions, which are any and all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of any governmental agency.

This Order represents the final order of the Public Health District 3.2 District Health Director and Executive Director of the Fulton County Board of Health and is effective immediately upon signature by the District Health Director.

Violations of this Order shall constitute a misdemeanor and subject the violator to penalties and fines of up to \$1,000 and/or up to 12 months in jail per offense.

This Order shall remain in place until rescinded.

This 31st day of March, 2020.



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