



Fayette County Government

Rhea Taylor / County Mayor

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR FAYETTE COUNTY

July 27, 2020

Whereas the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can lead to serious illness or death, and

Whereas, on January 21, 2020, following the guidance of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Tennessee Department of Health designated COVID-19 as a reportable disease in Tennessee; and

Whereas, on March 12, 2020, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee started issuing Executive Orders to facilitate the treatment and containment of COVID-19, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 58-2-107(e)(1); and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a National State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the County Mayor, an emergency currently exists within Fayette County, Tennessee as defined in TCA 38-9-101(2) and 58-2-110; and

Whereas, on March 23, Fayette County issued a Declaration of Emergency to limit the spread of that disease and which have been renewed in seven-day increments; and

Whereas, Governor Lee has issued several executive orders to combat the spread of COVID-19 and the need exists for Fayette County to be able to respond quickly; and

Whereas, Governor Lee has issued Executive Order 54 that give some authority to require the wearing of masks; and

Whereas daily positive tests and daily number of total tests have increased; and

Whereas the local positivity rate (the total number of positive COVID-19 cases as a percentage of everyone who has taken a test) has plateaued at 7%;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, I, Rhea Taylor, County Mayor of Fayette County, by virtue of the power vested in me by Title 58, Chapter 2, hereby declare:

1. A State of Emergency exists as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and do, hereby, invoke the authority granted by Tennessee law and any other applicable laws for the duration of this emergency.
2. The Executive Orders of Governor Bill Lee will be enforced as allowed.
3. All Fayette County citizens are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to wear a mask while in public
4. This order may be amended as needed.
5. This order renews the current Emergency Declaration for seven days and will remain in effect until August 3, 2020 at 11:59pm, after which time it will no longer be effective.

This Declaration and Order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, the public welfare requiring it.

Rhea Taylor, County Mayor

Date