

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Secretary of State Frankfort Kentucky

2020-315 May 6, 2020

# STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO TRAVEL

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease causing illness that can range from very mild to severe, including illness resulting in death, and many cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Commonwealth.

The Kentucky Constitution and Kentucky Revised Statutes, including KRS Chapter 39A, empower me to exercise all powers necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population, including the power to suspend state statutes and regulations, and to command individuals to disperse from the scene of an emergency. Under those powers, I declared by Executive Order 2020-215 on March 6, 2020, that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth.

Now, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth, Kentuckians must take additional steps to remain Healthy at Home, including avoiding crowded travel settings and areas experiencing high levels of community spread of disease, especially as states begin to reopen their economies.

#### Order

- I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution and KRS Chapter 39A, do hereby Order and Direct as follows:
  - 1. Travel. People riding on public transit must comply with social distancing requirements to the greatest extent practicable. This Order allows travel into or out of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, including travel that originates and ends outside of the Commonwealth. However, any individual entering the Commonwealth of Kentucky with the intent to stay is asked to self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days, unless traveling:
    - a. When required by employment;
    - b. When as part of their normal life live in one state and work or deliver services in another state;
    - c. To obtain groceries, medicine, or other necessary supplies;



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- d. To seek or obtain care by a licensed healthcare provider;
- e. To provide care for the elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons; or
- f. When required by court order.
- 2. Persons who have tested positive for COVID-19, are presumptively diagnosed with COVID-19, or are exhibiting the symptoms identified in the screening guidance available from the CDC and the Kentucky Department for Public Health shall not enter the Commonwealth, unless they are doing so under medical orders for the purposes of medical care, are being transported by Emergency Medical Services (EMS), are driving or being driven directly to a medical provider for the purposes of initial care, or are a permanent resident of the Commonwealth.
- 3. Nothing in this Order should be interpreted to interfere with or infringe on the powers of the legislative and judicial branches to perform their constitutional duties or exercise their authority.
- 4. The provisions of Executive Order 2020-258 be and hereby are rescinded.
- 5. The provisions of Executive Order 2020-266 relating to travel be and hereby are rescinded, but the remaining provisions of Executive Order 2020-266 shall remain in effect.

This Order shall be in effect for the duration of the State of Emergency herein referenced, or until this Executive Order is rescinded by further order or by operation of law.

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS Secretary of State