

GREENE COUNTY GOVERNMENT



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Press Release

After very careful consideration, and with advice from our area Health System, our Regional and Local Health Department, and consultation with our area infectious disease and leading healthcare officials, the order requiring the proper wear and use of infection control/quality facial coverings in Greene County that was set to expire at 11:59pm EST on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 will be extended.

Greene Countians have done an outstanding job for the past 77 days to wear masks/facial coverings where social distancing is not possible resulting in a positive trend for suppressing the spread of this unpredictable, viral disease plaguing our community. Your governmental and healthcare leaders realize and acknowledge the difficulty, aggravation, and renumbered efforts we have all had to endure through the course of this pandemic. We carefully weigh each decision, action, and measure with a focus on protecting life and preserving our healthcare treatment capacity.

Individuals, Business, Industry, and other key leaders have indicated to me that they would prefer to keep the order in place to see and determine what impact increased activities such as: full restaurant and venue capacities and a return to in-person schooling and athletics will have on the infection rate trend, knowing the ramifications of this increased activity will not be known for 3-4 weeks.

Continuing to wear facial coverings will help keep our businesses, restaurants, and schools open as well as enabling us to continue to enjoy football and other valued school activities and competitions. "We are all in this together. All of us have had to sacrifice in this dreaded environment, but I see Greene Countians helping, supporting, and protecting each other as we move forward."

Our health experts stress three small measures we can accomplish that do assist to suppress the spread of this disease: 1) frequent hand hygiene, 2) social distancing (6ft or more separation), and 3) wearing an infection control or other quality facial covering when social distancing is not possible. Current statistics from the TN Dept. of Health indicate that we are in an improving trend, we need to continue to wear mask and do all we can as we increase activity and move indoors and head into flu season.

Respectfully,

Kevin C. Morrison 1953 hrs. 9-29-2020

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