

GREENE COUNTY GOVERNMENT



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GREENE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 5

Extending the Order Requiring the Wearing of Infection Control/Facial Coverings in Greene County, TN

Whereas, on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, I issued Greene County Executive Order #1, (see GCEO #1 attached), and then subsequently issued Greene County Executive Orders #2, #3, and #4 respectively extending GCEO #1 through Friday, October 30, 2020 requiring all residents, visitors, employees and/or patrons of all Greene County businesses, industry, restaurants, retail stores, organizations, and/or venues are required to wear or shall require the wear and/or proper use of infection control masks or other such quality cloth facial coverings to assist with the control/suppression of droplet/breath/projectile transmission of COVID 19; and,

Whereas, Greene County has experienced record levels of new infection cases, and with a great percentage of transmitters being asymptomatic creating an unknown, invisible risk for continuing spread, and having very limited definitive treatment and no vaccine available; and with the best options for suppression being: 1) hand hygiene, 2) social distancing, and 3) the wearing of an infection control mask or other quality cloth facial covering in all areas where prolonged, close contact is likely, and social distancing is not possible; and,

Whereas, these personal protective measures are highly urged and advocated by healthcare and infectious disease experts, and are reported to have a suppressive impact on the spread of COVID 19, and with new infections and hospitalizations in Greene County and across the northeast Tennessee region dramatically rising, and with Greene County leading the area in deaths due to COVID 19, and with our healthcare treatment capability on the cusp of being overwhelmed, CONTINUED action is necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, visitors, and workers of Greene County from this unpredictable viral disease; and,

Now, therefore, I, Kevin C. Morrison, Mayor of Greene County, Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the Mayor of Greene County, and specifically pursuant to the authority delegated to me via Executive Orders #54, #55, #59, and #67 issued by Governor Bill Lee, Governor of Tennessee, do hereby issue this Executive Order and direct the following:

The requirement of all residents, visitors, employees and/or patrons of all Greene County businesses, industry, restaurants, retail stores, organizations, and/or venues to properly wear infection control masks or other such quality facial coverings in Greene County in all areas where prolonged, close contact is likely, and social distancing is not possible as fully set forth in Mayoral Executive Order No. #4 dated Wednesday, September 30, 2020, which became effective at 12:01 am EST on Thursday, October 1, 2020, and scheduled to expire at 11:59pm EST on Friday, October 30, 2020 is hereby EXTENDED and shall now remain in effect until 11:59pm EST on Tuesday, December 29, 2020.

Issued this 30th day of October 2020.

1200 hrs.

Kevin C. Morrison, Greene County Mayor