



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 21

**AN ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17 TO FURTHER  
MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY LIMITING NON-ESSENTIAL SERVICES  
AND GATHERINGS**

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 17, which prohibited social gatherings of 10 or more people, directed restaurants, bars, and similar food and drink establishments to offer take-out or delivery options only, directed gyms and fitness/exercise centers to temporarily close and suspend in-person services, and restricted visitation in nursing homes, retirement homes, and long-term care or assisted-living facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, taking further measures to limit the opportunities for community spread is necessary to contain COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding Executive Order No. 17 to cover similar services and venues is necessary to minimize the continued spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the other emergency management powers granted by law, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107(e), provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to suspend laws and rules regarding the conduct of state business if necessary to cope with the emergency, order evacuations from certain areas, make orders concerning entry and exit and the occupancy of premises within an emergency area, and take measures concerning the conduct of civilians and the calling of public meetings and gatherings, among other things; and

**WHEREAS**, the temporary suspension of selected state laws and rules and the other measures contained herein are necessary to facilitate the response to the current emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, do hereby declare that a state of emergency continues to exist in Tennessee and order the following:

Effective immediately, Executive Order No. 17, dated March 22, 2020, is amended by adding the following new subdivisions g. and h. to Paragraph 1:

- g. Businesses or organizations that perform close-contact personal services shall not be open to members or the public. Such businesses or organizations include, but are not limited to:
  - i. Barber shops;
  - ii. Hair salons;
  - iii. Waxing salons;
  - iv. Threading salons;
  - v. Nail salons or spas;
  - vi. Spas providing body treatments;
  - vii. Body-art facilities or tattoo services;
  - viii. Tanning salons; or
  - ix. Massage-therapy establishments or massage services.
  
- h. Entertainment and recreational gathering venues shall not be open to members or the public. Such venues include, but are not limited to:
  - i. Night clubs;
  - ii. Bowling alleys;
  - iii. Arcades;
  - iv. Concert venues;
  - v. Theaters, auditoriums, performing arts centers, or similar facilities;
  - vi. Racetracks;
  - vii. Indoor children's play areas;
  - viii. Adult entertainment venues;
  - ix. Amusement parks; or
  - x. Roller or iceskating rinks.

Effective immediately, Paragraph No. 7 of Executive Order No. 17, dated March 22, 2020, is hereby deleted and the following language is substituted instead:

- 7. This Order shall be effective and enforceable at 12:01 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on March 23, 2020, and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on April 14, 2020, at which time the suspension of any state laws and rules and the other provisions of this Order shall cease and be of no further force or effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 30th day of March, 2020.

*Bill Lee*

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE

