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Governor Issues Two-Week Statewide Safer At Home Order for All Tennessee Residents; Governor Mandates Non-Essential Business Closures through April 14

To Our Pigeon Forge Business Owners,

In an ongoing effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Tennessee, Gov. Bill Lee on Monday filed Executive Order 21 which specifically orders the temporary closure of salons, spas, concert venues, theaters and other indoor recreational facilities. In addition, Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 22, during which time only essential businesses are to continue operating and residents are to stay home "as much as possible." These new statewide executive orders take effect at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, and lasts through April 14.

What has changed for Pigeon Forge?

In addition to pleas from the Pigeon Forge City Mayor and City Commission, this directive to temporarily close non-essential business through April 14 is now an official executive order from the governor. Essential and non-essential businesses, as listed below in this document, remain the same.

Will restaurants remain open?

Yes, restaurants can remain open but may provide to-go/carry-out and delivery service only.

What does Gov. Lee's Safer at Home Order mean to Pigeon Forge?

As Pigeon Forge city leadership has asked of the residents of Pigeon Forge, Gov. Lee is now urging all Tennesseans in all 95 counties to limit non-essential travel as much as possible.

The following essential services will remain open:

- Federal and state offices and services, including post offices and airports
- Essential City of Pigeon Forge government functions
- Food and beverage: grocery and beverage stores, farmers markets, food banks, catering, convenience stores selling food, agriculture, food processing, feed mills, and other businesses that directly support the food supply
- Health care, mental and behavioral health, and biomedical research and businesses that directly support the healthcare industry including health information technology, staffing and supplies
- Sanitation and waste removal businesses and services
- Energy, water, and sewage businesses and services
- Pharmacies and medical supply businesses, and other businesses that directly support the drug and medical supply pipeline
- Vehicle fuel, support, service stations and businesses
- Banks, savings and loans, insurance companies, accounting businesses, and other business that directly support the insurance and financial services sector
- Legal and judicial services
- Laundromats/laundry/cleaning services
- Home and business repair, hardware supply
- Warehousing and storage
- Construction and facilities design businesses
- Product logistics, transport, and distribution businesses
- Parcel transportation and delivery businesses
- Veterinary and pet supply business and services including agricultural services and the caring and feeding of all livestock and farm animals
- Home and business cleaning and maintenance services
- All businesses which rely upon deliveries may continue, including florists
- Internet and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services)
- Certain other business and services the Mayor and City Commission determines are essential for the continued safety and security of Pigeon Forge.

In addition:

Daycare and childcare business will remain open but will prioritize children of parents working in essential services.

Lodging properties will remain open but must end entertainment or dining services in restaurants or group settings. Pick-up and room-service food services may continue.

However, Pigeon Forge City Mayor and Commissioners have requested lodging facilities including hotels, campgrounds, condos and cabins to close down temporarily to help flatten the curve of COVID-19.

Essential services listed above may continue as long as appropriate distancing is physically possible and encouraged. These businesses will adhere to CDC guidance on social distancing and hand hygiene in the workplace, including encouraging work-from-home and allowing employees when possible to work on-site in shifts to optimize social distancing in the workplace.

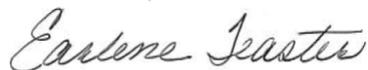
All essential services, especially grocery stores and pharmacies, will make best efforts to establish hours when only available to senior citizens or otherwise vulnerable populations.

This does not apply to employees of government agencies working within the course and scope of their public service employment.

Finally, some infrastructure and construction projects are also exempt, if workers are working on:

- Construction of commercial and institutional buildings, and residential buildings and housing
- Airport operations, food supply, concessions, and construction
- Water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil extraction and refining.
- Roads, highways, public transportation and rail.
- Solid waste collection and removal.
- Flood control and watershed protection.
- Internet and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services)
- And manufacturing and distribution companies deemed essential to the supply chains of the above industries

Respectfully,



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