



Dec. 29, 2020

Dear Pigeon Forge Residents:

Governor Bill Lee has extended the authority through Feb. 27 for county mayors to enforce mask mandates. While the phased roll out of a vaccine offers hope, we still must do everything within our power to stop the spread of Covid-19 in our community so that our local hospitals can accommodate all medical needs. We also must work hard to keep our businesses and schools open.

After evaluation of Sevier County's increasing new cases of Covid-19 and consultation with city and county leaders as well as our health care and tourism officials, Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters has extended our county's mask mandate through Feb. 27, 2021. Executive Order 55 is posted [here](#). Masks are required indoors and strongly recommended in outdoor spaces where social distancing is not possible.

Governor Lee reminds us that Tennesseans are not powerless when it comes to the fight against Covid-19. The two most important weapons in our arsenal are wearing a mask and watching our distance. As fatigue increases and we approach the holidays, we must be vigilant to protect our residents, employees and visitors. We urge you to take every precaution and enforce all safety protocols. In addition to wearing a mask, please maintain social distancing, wash your hands, disinfect surfaces, and avoid congregating. We are asked to limit attendance at holiday gatherings to only those members of your household.

Testing continues to be a vital factor. If you have been exposed to an infected person or feel sick, please get tested immediately. Free testing is available at the Sevier County Health Department. SCHD offers self-administered COVID-19 tests on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only. You must call **865-429-6232 to schedule a test**. The self-administered test requires a working email and smart phone.

The SCHD provides drive-thru testing on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8am-2pm. No testing is available on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

We are at a critical time in this battle, and we need every Pigeon Forge resident to do his/her part to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Sincerely,

The City of Pigeon Forge