

MEMORANDUM

LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

GREG FISCHER
MAYOR

STEVE CONRAD
CHIEF OF POLICE

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Steve Conrad
Chief of Police 

DATE: March 25, 2020

RE: Office of the Mayor Executive Order 2020-002
Restrictions to Metro Parks
Special Order #20-012

On March 24, in response to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, Mayor Fischer issued Executive Order 2020-002 (attached) which includes:

- *All Metro Parks playgrounds, soccer fields, and basketball courts will be closed;*
- *The campground at Jefferson Memorial Forest shall be closed;*
- *All dog parks where dogs are allowed to roam free without a leash shall be closed. Dogs on leashes are still permitted where allowed.*

Group activities such as soccer games, basketball games, tennis, pickleball, or any activity that promotes congregation in the parks are strongly discouraged because of the inability to properly social distance from others, as well as the ability to transmit the virus via the balls and equipment used in these sports.

LMPD officers who observe people utilizing the closed areas of a public park during the duration of this order will first attempt to educate those congregating on the existence of the order and explain the importance of following the order for everyone's safety. LMPD officers will make every attempt to gain voluntary compliance with this order.

If explanations of health benefits, persuasion, and direct orders do not work, officers may, as a last resort, cite those continuing to refuse to comply for violating Criminal Trespass in the 3rd Degree KRS 511.080.

Please view a video from Lieutenant Colonel Josh Judah regarding this order at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfJvjjEk7w4>

All members having computer access are responsible for reading, understanding, and acknowledging receipt of this Special Order, using the PowerDMS Document Management System. Members without computer access will continue to sign an accountability roster, as they have in the past.

All commanding officers will ensure that their personnel are made aware of this information.

This Special Order will be posted in each division, section, or unit for a period of ten (10) days. Please refer any questions through the appropriate chain of command.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 2020-002

March 24, 2020

**CONTINUATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO PREPARATIONS AND
RESPONSIVE MEASURES FOR THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order 2020-001 on March 13, 2020 that declared a state of emergency due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) that expires on April 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, updated guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") have been modified to recommend the cancellation of gatherings of 10 or more people until May 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to pose a threat to the public health and safety of the residents of Louisville Metro;

WHEREAS, the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and attendant consequences are being felt all over Louisville Metro and the continuation of the measures announced previously remain necessary to address the challenges that we are facing today along with potential additional measures as necessary; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, I intend to invoke any and all powers at my disposal to combat the spread of this virus and to contain it as much as possible in order to protect the residents of Louisville Metro; and

WHEREAS, the law of the Commonwealth of Kentucky vests the Chief Executive Officer of a consolidated local government with the authority to declare and continue the state of emergency for as long as the emergency exists to protect our residents; and

WHEREAS, this medical pandemic makes it prudent and necessary to continue the state of emergency and implement additional measures designed to contain the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the manner previously set forth in Executive Order 2020-001; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet its obligations to its residents, Louisville Metro may have the need to request or mandate employees to perform work outside their designated classification and scope of work, including in other areas of their own agency or in other Louisville Metro agencies, that may be subject to the Scope and/or Recognition, and classifications of other ratified Collective Bargaining Agreements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Fischer, as Mayor of Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government and, pursuant to Chapters 39A and 39B of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, HEREBY EXTEND THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY within Louisville Metro related to the public health of our citizens due to the coronavirus (COVID-19). To that end, I hereby ORDER AND DIRECT THE FOLLOWING:

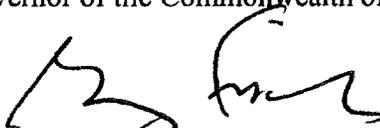
1. That, this Order fully extends and incorporates the state of emergency and all of the provisions contained in Executive Order 2020-001 until May 10, 2020.
2. That, all Metro hosted events are cancelled and/or postponed until after May 10, 2020;
3. That, effective today, Louisville Metro agencies are hereby empowered to request or, as needed, require employees to work in other areas of their agencies or in other Louisville Metro agencies that may be subject to the Scope and/or Recognition of ratified Collective Bargaining Agreements, while retaining their current rate of pay, benefits, and other rights according to their current Collective Bargaining Agreement and/or Louisville Metro policies;
4. That, effective today, the times designated in Collective Bargaining Agreements for responses to Grievances shall be extended an additional 10 days at the agency level and 30 days for all other Steps in the Grievance procedures;
5. That, effective today, the notice to employees and unions and the implementation of new or revised regulations, rules, policies, and procedures may be simultaneous, and times such designated in Collective Bargaining Agreements and Louisville Metro policies shall be held in abeyance for the duration of this Order.
6. That, effective at 5:00 pm today, March 24, 2020 and until May 10, 2020 at 8:00 am, I have ordered the following:
 - a. All Metro park playgrounds, soccer fields and basketball courts will be closed;
 - b. All portable toilets shall be closed and removed from the parks;
 - c. The campground at Jefferson Memorial Forest shall be closed;
 - d. The Department of Parks will continue to clean all open, permanent restrooms at this time, pick up garbage and mow grass;
 - e. All dog parks where dogs are allowed to roam free without a leash shall be closed. Dogs on leashes are still permitted where allowed.

f. Group activities such as soccer games, basketball games, tennis, pickleball or any activity that promotes congregation in the parks are strongly discouraged because of the inability to properly social distance from others;

g. All golf courses may remain open but shall abide by the "Clubhouse Coronavirus Protocol" posted at every golf course. The clubhouses may remain open, except for the retail area so long as patrons and employees practice social distancing.

7. That, all Metro agencies are directed to review their authorities regarding the suspension of interest and penalties during this pandemic in consultation with the Jefferson County Attorney's Office; and

8. That this Executive Order shall be interpreted, if necessary, to be consistent and in harmony with any and all ORDERS issued by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



GREG FISCHER
MAYOR

APPROVED FOR FORM & LEGALITY
MICHAEL J. O'CONNELL
JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY



DATE:

03/24/2020