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ORDER

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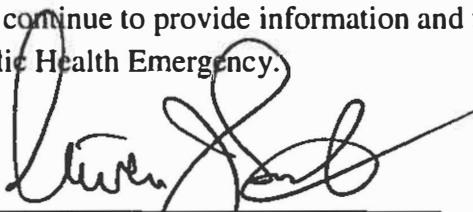
On March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed Executive Order 2020-215, declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency. Pursuant to the authority in KRS 194A.025, KRS 214.020, and Executive Orders 2020-215, 2020-243, 2020-257 and 2020-323, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Public Health, hereby orders the following directives to reduce and slow the spread of COVID-19:

1. The March 19, 2020 Order of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services concerning mass gatherings (the "Mass Gatherings Order") is hereby amended as follows.
2. Effective immediately, the Mass Gatherings Order shall not apply to in-person services of faith-based organizations. Faith-based organizations that have in-person services must implement and follow the Guidelines for Places of Worship, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. The Guidelines for Places of Worship are available online at healthyatwork.ky.gov.
3. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Order or the Mass Gatherings Order prohibits drive-in or virtual, televised, or radio services of faith-based organizations, so long as appropriate social distancing and hygiene measures as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are implemented and followed.
4. The Mass Gatherings Order remains in full force and effect except as amended herein.
5. Any gathering, regardless of whether it is a mass gathering prohibited under this Order, shall to the fullest extent practicable implement Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, including:

- maintaining a distance of 6 feet between persons;
- encouraging good hygiene measures, including regular, thorough handwashing, and providing adequate hygiene materials, including hand sanitizing options;
- encouraging people who are sick to remain home or leave the premises; and
- regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

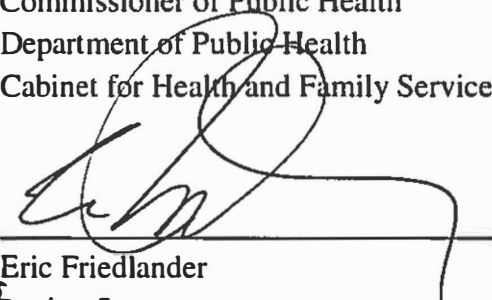
5. The Department of Public Health hereby delegates to local health departments the authority to take all necessary measures to implement this Order.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will monitor these directives continuously. The Cabinet will continue to provide information and updates to healthcare providers during the duration of this Public Health Emergency.



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