



*General County News
Tuesday, July 28th, 2020*

Yesterday, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors passed an emergency ordinance to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The ordinance provides modifications to [Forward Virginia: Phase Three](#) guidelines. All other Forward Virginia: Phase Three guidelines apply. The ordinance takes effect at 12 am on August 1st, 2020.

Here are the modifications to Phase Three the ordinance will bring to Albemarle County:

- Cloth face coverings must be worn in all indoor public spaces and in all outdoor public spaces where 6' of physical distancing is not possible.
- Gatherings will be restricted to 50 persons, with limited exceptions.
- Indoor occupancy in food establishments, wineries, breweries, and distilleries will be limited to 50% of Certificate of Occupancy (CO) capacity, with a 50 person limit for those businesses without a CO.

To promote education and compliance with this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors also approved an ambassador program that will launch in the coming weeks. Ambassadors will visit area businesses to share educational resources and inform onsite management of any compliance issues they may observe. More information about the ambassador program will be released when it becomes available.

To ensure compliance in keeping our community safe, violations of this ordinance are punishable as misdemeanors (Class 1 for a person failing to wear a face covering or failing to disperse from a gathering, Class 3 for business owner or onsite manager failing to comply with occupancy limits).

[**Read the full text of Ordinance 20-E\(5\)**](#)

Concerns regarding potential violations may be directed to
the Virginia Department of Health:

[**Report a Violation**](#)

What Ordinance 20-E(5) Means For:

FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS WINERIES, BREWERIES, & DISTILLERIES



FACE COVERING

Staff and customers are required to wear face coverings indoors.

Children 10 years old and under are not required to wear face coverings.

Adults accompanying minors between the ages of 10-17 must use reasonable efforts to prompt the minor to wear face coverings while in public places.

If wearing a face covering poses a mental or physical health risk, and the establishment is not able to provide service outdoors, the individual must present a valid document specifying the medical necessity for not wearing a face covering.



OCCUPANCY

Indoor occupancy is limited to 50% of Certificate of Occupancy (CO) capacity, with a 50 person limit for those businesses without a CO.

People attending private gatherings count toward the occupancy limits.

Staff (employees or independent contractors) do not count towards the occupancy limits.

6' distancing is still required.

GATHERINGS

A gathering is a planned or spontaneous event with people attending for a common purpose. Examples include concerts, festivals, conferences, sporting events, parties (even at private residences), and other social events.



FACE COVERING

Adults are required to wear face coverings outdoors if not distanced 6' apart.

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ATTENDEES

Gatherings may not exceed 50 people.

This rule does not apply to the following:

- Outdoor gatherings at food establishments, wineries, breweries, distilleries
- Religious gatherings
- Wedding ceremonies and wedding receptions
- Expressive activities (e.g., demonstrations, for example)

Staff (employees or independent contractors) do not count towards the gathering limits.

WEARING FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC



INDOOR PUBLIC PLACES

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OUTDOOR PUBLIC PLACES

Adults are required to wear face coverings outdoors if not distanced 6' apart.

This requirement does not apply to the following: personal residences, personal vehicles, institutions of higher education and other schools, fitness and other exercise facilities, religious institutions, indoor shooting ranges, and the County courthouse buildings.

Let's work together to prevent the spread of COVID-19



What You Can Do

First, share this message with your neighbors, friends, and colleagues. [Signup to receive these messages in your inbox.](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a wealth of resources for businesses, households, schools, and faith-based organizations at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus). The CDC is specifically encouraging people to:

- Wear a cloth face covering in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies).
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people (social distancing).
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects (e.g., tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles)

Stay Up-To-Date on COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Information

- [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Corona Virus Information](#)
- [Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\) Corona Virus Information](#)

The Thomas Jefferson Health District (TJHD) is our community's local public health agency and works closely with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). **TJHD has opened a hotline at (434) 972-6261 to answer questions from the public** regarding COVID-19. At this time, that number is staffed Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. The public can leave messages that will be returned as soon as possible.

If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call 911.



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