

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

Jackson County Health Department  
504 S Church Street, Ripley, West Virginia 25271

### **Establishing additional measures and regulations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public from further spread of the COVID-19 virus.**

As directed by the Governor of the State of West Virginia, the Jackson County Board of Health, on this Fourteenth day of April, 2020, makes the following FINDINGS and ORDER:

Whereas, a National Emergency as well as a State of Emergency has been declared because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and;

Whereas, the Jackson County Board of Health has concluded that COVID-19 is a highly communicable and infectious disease that presents a severe health risk for citizens and visitors of West Virginia because of, among other things, ease of transmission of the disease, and;

Whereas, in an attempt to slow or halt the spread of COVID 19, the Governor of the State of West Virginia has issued Executive Orders pursuant to his authority under *West Virginia Code §15-5-6* and related statutes, including Executive Order 9-20 and Executive Order 25-20 and;

Whereas, pursuant to *West Virginia Code §16-3-2* and related statutes, and Executive Order 9-20, Executive Order 2020, Executive Order 21-20, Executive Order 22-20, Executive Order 24-20 and Executive Order 25-20, the Jackson County Board of Health has been directed to implement additional mitigation directives to restrict public movement of all individuals to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19, and to quarantine or isolate those who are infected or likely infected with COVID-19 due to their exposure, symptoms or diagnosis of COVID-19, and;

Whereas, Executive Order 25-20 mandates further action by the Jackson County Health Departments in an effort to disrupt the spread of the virus and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 among the populations of such Counties in an effort to protect such persons;

Whereas, pursuant to the advice and guidance provided by the Federal and State Governments and by the Centers for Disease Control for the protection of the public and our employees to the greatest extent possible, and for the purpose of fully implementing the Governor's Executive Order No. 25-20, dated April 14, 2020, The Jackson County Commission and the Jackson County Board of Health hereby ORDERS the following additional restrictions upon the residents, businesses, and public bodies of Jackson County:

1. **Stay at home or your place of residence:** All individuals within Jackson County are under a general stay-at-home order and are directed to stay at home or their place of residence or usual place of abode unless performing an essential activity, as defined in Section 1 of the Governor of West Virginia's Stay at Home Executive Order 9-20, with the additional following restrictions:
  - a. As stated in Executive Order 25-20, the gathering size of any group engaging in outdoor activity is limited to a maximum of 5 people **as part of any group within the immediate vicinity of each other, including** still maintaining social distancing of a minimum of six feet from one another at all times.
  - b. All persons who are going to and from the home of a family member are to limit the number of these visits to the least number of visits reasonably possible so as to reduce and limit the total number of times requiring any person to leave the home.
2. **Essential Business and Operations.** As defined in Executive Order 25-20, all Essential Businesses and Operation, as outlined in Section 3 of Executive Order 9-20, conducted by both private and public employers and/or entities, including non-profit businesses or operation in Jackson County shall direct their employees and/or contractors, to the maximum extent possible, to work from their home or residence, or to otherwise work remotely in order to limit the instances requiring their employees to leave their homes. Despite this directive, any business permitted to remain open that chooses to remain open and requires employees to report to work must take the following actions:
  - a. Implement a written plan to limit staff to essential personnel only;
  - b. Implement social distancing practices in the workplace where possible, including remaining a minimum of 6 feet apart from other persons;
  - c. Supplying multiple, adequate disinfecting and hygienic supplies and dispensers to employees, and/or other persons on site; such as disinfecting wipes or spray, hand sanitizer, and soap and water consistent with the number of persons allowed to be on the premises as set forth herein; and,
  - d. Provide protective barriers for employees exposed to the general public (barriers may include safety glasses, masks, plexiglass shields).
  - e. Ensure that all members of their staff are wearing a mask for their own protection and the protection of the public.
3. **Public Access Restrictions.** All Essential Business and Operations, as defined in Section 3 of the Executive Order 9-20, that choose to remain open to the public shall limit access to the public as follows:
  - a. No more than two (2) individual members of the public may enter the business per 1,000 square feet of public space at any given time. To ensure the number of people per square foot is not exceeded, the business shall count the number of persons who enter and leave such building or any attached and/or adjacent area on a one-in, one-out basis once capacity is reached; if attached and/or adjacent

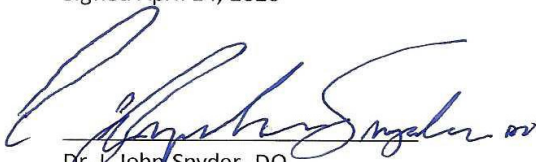
areas cannot be controlled for occupancy due to their openness then they shall be cordoned off or closed.

- b. All such private and public employers and/or entities, including non-profit businesses or operations shall take actions to establish social distancing for the public to the greatest extent possible, including but not limited to marking areas a minimum of six feet apart at any area where person are likely to stand or wait in line to access the building; creating one-way aisles and any other restrictions which limit close contact with other people and encourage people to place order ahead, where feasible, that will allow them to pick up and pay without entering the business.
  - c. Any essential business that remains open to the public shall prominently display at all entrances and exit and checkout counters, with a minimum 5 notifications being posted in any essential business of the directives established herein, including posting the maximum per person occupancy of each essential business.
4. **Self-Quarantine for Positive Test.** Pursuant to the general authority of the Jackson County Board of Health to order quarantine of individuals contained in *West Virginia Code §16-3-2*, any person who is diagnosed with COVID-19 shall self-quarantine for at least 14 days in a portion of their own home that limits, as much as possible, their contact with any other member or person in their home at any time. If possible, any person diagnosed with COVID-19 who is under self-quarantine should use his or her own bathroom exclusively. Any person living in the same household as a diagnosed person or who has had known contact with a diagnosed person should contact the Jackson County Health Department for further instruction.
5. **Enforcement.** The enforcement of this Order shall be at the direction of the Jackson County Board of Health. Pursuant to Executive Order 25-20, the West Virginia State Police and other law enforcement agencies are directed to provide support in enforcing the terms of this Order.
  - a. Accordingly, the Jackson County Board of Health hereby requests that the West Virginia State Police and all other law enforcement agencies in Jackson County enforce this Order.
  - b. West Virginia State Police, and local law enforcement agencies in Jackson County will work together to enforce this order.
6. Any adult member of the public can report non-compliance with these orders by calling the Health Department at (304) 372-2634 or their local law enforcement agency.
7. The Jackson County Health Department reserves the right to amend this order as necessary to protect the health and welfare of the public. Any amendment made will be communicated by media release and other reasonable methods of notification.

The above information and order was discussed and reviewed by the Jackson County Health Department, Mayor Carolyn Rader, Mayor Josh Miller, Office of Emergency Services Director Walt Smittle, Jackson County Commissioner Dick Waybright, Jackson County Sheriff Tony Boggs,

WVU/Jackson General Hospital Administrator Stephanie McCoy, Coplin Health Systems Chief Medical Officer Murrta Bolinger, DNP, ER Director Dr. Steve Eshenaur, Jackson County Board of Health Chair Dr. James Hughes, MD, and Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney Katie Franklin.

Signed April 14, 2020

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Dr. John Snyder, DO  
Health Officer  
Jackson County Health Department

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard K. Waybright".

Richard K. Waybright, President  
Jackson County Commission