

# Sullivan County

Office of the County Mayor



*Richard S. Venable*  
County Mayor

## SULLIVAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER SEVEN

**WHEREAS**, Governor Lee has issued Executive Orders which provide instruction for the operation of businesses during the COVID-19 global pandemic by the World Health Organization;

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee declared a State of Emergency to deploy additional resources to combat the spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Lee has issued Executive Orders which, among other things, provide instruction for the operation of businesses during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Richard Venable, pursuant to State of Tennessee Executive Orders, and the laws of the state of Tennessee execute the following:

1. Effective at 12:00 a.m. on February 28, 2021, all businesses, organizations, or venues open to usage by members of the public in Sullivan County, Tennessee shall require the use of face coverings or masks by their employees and members of the public while inside their premises in areas accessible by the public. **NOTE: Face coverings or masks should NOT be worn by children under two or anyone who has trouble breathing is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.**
2. Places of worship are exempt from the requirements of this Order, pursuant to Governor Lee's Executive Orders.
3. This Order does not require businesses, organizations, or venues to supply face coverings or masks to members of the public.
4. Use of face coverings or masks shall not be required by members of the public while seated for the purpose of dining in any restaurant or business that provides food and/or drink for on premises consumption or other business as defined by The Tennessee Pledge.
5. Sullivan County, Tennessee continues to be governed in all other aspects by the Executive Orders issued by Governor Lee.
6. This order shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2021, unless otherwise modified or withdrawn by future Orders or by the State of Tennessee.

Issued this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

Handwritten signature of Richard S. Venable in black ink.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Handwritten signature of Andrew Stephen May in black ink.

Andrew Stephen May, M.D., FAAFP  
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