

EXECUTIVE ORDER
OFFICE OF THE KENTON COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE
KRIS A. KNOCHELMANN

EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-19

KENTON COUNTY, KY
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
March 13, 2020

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020 the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVIS-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Kentucky on March 6th, 2020 for COVID; and

WHEREAS, there are now eight (8) confirmed cases of COVID throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease which can cause serious illness or death and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has identified a potential public health threat is posed by COVID-19 and has advised that person to person spread of COVID-19 will continue in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services have identified eight (8) cases in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the planning and preparedness for all local agencies and jurisdictions for a COVID-19 public health emergency in KENTON County is a concern to all KENTON Countians; and

WHEREAS, The KENTON County Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management has special resources to assist local agencies and jurisdictions in the protection of life, health and safety and to mitigate the effects of such events; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to have a coordinate response to COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Kris Knochelmann, KENTON County Judge Executive by the authority vested in me by KRS 39A.100(2), do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in KENTON County for the period commencing on March 13, 2020, and direct that:

1. The local Emergency Operations Plan shall be fully executed;

2. The Director of the KENTON County Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management shall direct the Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management to provide such assistance as can be delivered from available local resources and shall coordinate all agencies of local government to provide assistance to KENTON County;

3. All agencies of KENTON County shall cooperate to the fullest extent with KENTON County Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management and shall provide such assistance as may be required for response to this emergency.

4. Under this State of Emergency, as provided in KRS 39A.100 (2) and 45A.380(1)(7) County Judge Executive can waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by the law pertaining to: a) performance of public work, b) entering into contracts, c) incurring obligations, d) employment of permanent and temporary workers, e) utilization of volunteer workers, f) rental of equipment, g) appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

Kris A. Knochelmann, County Judge Executive
Kenton County, KY

Sue J. Kaiser, Fiscal Court Clerk
Kenton County, KY