

**Woodford County Fiscal Court
103 S. Main St. – Room 200
Versailles, KY 40383**

Executive Order 2020-01

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

March 12, 2020

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

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, a case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Lexington-Fayette County, Kentucky and on the same date, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth due to confirmed cases in Central Kentucky and the possible community spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identified the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States as “high”, and has advised that spread of the virus will continue globally and in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Woodford County Health Department has issued public guidance to limit non-essential public gatherings and events supported by the evidence to mitigate the spread to and throughout Woodford of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Woodford County Health Department has trained personnel and resources to assist the state and local authorities in the protection of life, public health and safety, and may need additional personnel and resources in coordinating a response to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, Woodford County Government has the responsibility to plan, prepare, coordinate agencies and to protect the public health, safety and welfare of our citizens, and to mitigate the effects and impact of this emergency; and

WHEREAS, Woodford County Government and our partners across the community are working to coordinate with each other, and with federal, state and local agencies to provide the maximum effective response to this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I James Kay, Judge/Executive of Woodford County, by the authority vested in me by K.R.S. Chapter 39A do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in Woodford County for the period beginning March 12, 2020, and continuing, and direct that:

1. The local Emergency Operations Plan shall be fully executed; and
2. The Emergency Management Director shall direct the Emergency Services to provide such assistance as can be delivered from available local resources and shall coordinate all agencies of local government to provide assistance to Woodford County; and

3. All departments and agencies of Woodford County, including all interlocal governmental agencies shall coordinate and cooperate to the fullest extent possible with Emergency Management, the Woodford County Health Department, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and any federal agencies and shall provide such assistance as may be required for response to this emergency; and
4. Under this State of Emergency, as provided in KRS 39A.100(2) the 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.

WHEREFORE, this Declaration of a local emergency in Woodford County shall remain in effect until terminated by issuance of another Executive Order when determined that a state of emergency no longer exists, and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

Signed this, 12th day of March, 2020



Judge/Executive James Kay
Woodford County, Kentucky

Attest:



Melody Traugott, Clerk