



# Monongalia County Health Department

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Pursuant to WV GOVERNOR JIM JUSTICE, EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9-20, March 24, 2020

WV Code § 15-5-6 authorizes the Governor to, control ingress and egress to and from an area where large-scale threat exists, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein;

CDC and WV Department of Health and Human Resources recommend the public practice social distancing, meaning staying home whenever possible and otherwise maintaining a six feet distance from other individuals, to minimize the transmission of COVID-19;

Essential businesses remaining open will need to reduce operations to ensure minimum contact with members of the public and essential employees. These businesses must require proper social distancing at all times;

It is the duty of every West Virginian to practice proper social distancing and to comply with these measures in order to protect our people, our families, and each other, against this terrible epidemic.

WV Code § 16-2-11(a)(10) Local Boards of Health are authorized to enforce public health laws of this state.

WV Code § 16-2-13 requires the county health officer to take an oath of office and is required to administer laws of this state.

Because the state of West Virginia and Monongalia County is observing a continued increase in Corona virus (Covid-19) cases, and because many individuals are shedding this virus and are considered infectious without experiencing symptoms, actions should be taken to limit community spread.

Because the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (PA) has a higher rate of Corona virus infection in its citizens than West Virginia and because state-owned liquor stores in PA were closed by their Governor on March 16 due to the coronavirus pandemic, it has been observed that due to the proximity of Pennsylvania to Monongalia County and North Central West Virginia, many people are patronizing stores that sell spirits and hard liquors. As a means of diminishing any increase of Corona virus in Monongalia County from individuals arriving from out of state, it is the recommendation of Monongalia County Health Department and its Health Officer that liquor sales be limited to only West Virginia residents.

Therefore, Monongalia County Health Department requires observance of the following conditions for protection of citizens and visitors of West Virginia and Monongalia County, effective this day, April 04, 2020 at 12:00 noon until rescinded:

All liquor stores, retail outlets, or other merchants with specifically designated sections of stores involved in the sale of spirits or hard liquors must abide by these measures at the date and time listed below;

Having only essential employees during working hours;

Maintaining a distance of six feet between customers and staff at all times, using floor markings or tape at cash registers or other places where individuals congregate;

Limiting individuals to no more than ten people including staff and clientele during store hours or when open for business;

Providing adequate hand-washing stations especially at places where paper or other items are exchanged between staff and clientele;

Frequently wipe down surfaces with 10 % bleach solution or similar CDC approved cleaner anywhere any individual's hands may reach including telephones, keyboards, light switches, doorknobs, handrails, etc.;

Placing an employee outside the premises where spirits and hard liquors are sold to insure that only those citizens with a valid West Virginia driver's license, or WV State issued identifications card, be allowed to enter, shop, and purchase alcohol;

**Purchases are limited to three alcohol items each business day; and.**

Any other common-sense measures that will limit spread of communicable diseases.

Failure to adhere to these order may result in closure of your business. I thank you in advance for your attention to these instructions.



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Executive Director & County Health Officer

This Monongalia County Health Department Public Health Order is issued in conjunction with the following agencies:

Monongalia County Commission, Monongalia County Emergency Management, Monongalia County Prosecuting Attorney Office, Monongalia County Sheriff, Morgantown City Police, Granville Police Star City Police, Westover Police, West Virginia University Police, & West Virginia State Police.

