

**MASON COUNTY, KENTUCKY**  
**DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-02**

**March 16, 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 the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Andy Beshear declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the cases in Kentucky and the possible community spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, there are now increasing number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 throughout the Commonwealth are continuing to spread in Kentucky; and

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

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Trace District Health Department has trained personnel and resources to assist the county 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, Mason County Government has the responsibility to plan, prepare, coordinate agencies and to protect the public health, safety, welfare of our citizens, and to mitigate the effects and impact of this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Joseph Pfeffer, Judge Executive of Mason County, by the authority vested in me by the K.R.S. Chapter 39A do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in Mason County beginning on March 16, 2020 and continuing, and directs 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 Mason County; and
3. All departments and agencies of Mason County shall coordinate and cooperate to the fullest with Emergency Management, the Buffalo Trace District health Department, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and any federal agencies and will 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, his Declaration of a Local State of Emergency in Mason 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.



Joseph P. Pfeffer, Mason County Judge/Executive