

Governor Ivey Issues New Safer at Home Order

On March 4, 2021, Governor Ivey issued her twenty-third supplemental proclamation extending the Safer at Home Order. For the most part, this Order mirrors her previous orders. While the mask mandate in Alabama has been extended through April 9th, a few other restrictions have been loosened. Here is a summary of the modifications:

- Individuals in hospitals and residents of nursing homes will now be able to have two (rather than one) caregivers or visitors at a time.
- Outdoor programs can resume in Senior Citizen Centers.
- Summer camps may also resume this summer, as long as campers maintain social distancing and follow sanitation guidelines.
- Restaurants, bars, and breweries are no longer required to limit parties to 8 people per table. The establishments must have either partitions between tables or 6 feet between each table.

Governor Ivey explained that Alabama has now surpassed 10,000 deaths since the first COVID case was diagnosed in Alabama in March 2020. As of March 4, 2021, one million Alabamians have been vaccinated. The seven-day average of new cases in Alabama is now 778. This is down 82% since its height on January 10th.

Governor Ivey stated that she would not extend the mask ordinance after it expires on April 9th. After its expiration, individuals will have the personal responsibility to continue wearing a face covering.

This Order is set to expire on April 9, 2021 at 5:00 pm.