



# Sullivan County Regional Health Department

The Road to Good Public Health

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April 28, 2020

Honorable Richard S. Venable  
Sullivan County Courthouse  
3411 Highway 126  
Blountville, TN 37617

Honorable Mayor Patrick Shull  
City of Kingsport  
225 West Center Street  
Kingsport, TN 37660

Honorable Mayor Margaret Feierabend  
City of Bristol  
801 Anderson Street  
Bristol, TN 37620

Honorable Mayor Irene Wells  
City of Bluff City  
P.O. Box 70  
Bluff City, TN 37618

Dear Honorable Mayors:

Attached is an executed Health Order Number Three issued by Andrew Stephen May, M.D., FAAFP our Regional Medical Director/Health Officer. This Order is meant to align with the *Tennessee Pledge* and the Governor of Tennessee's Executive Orders. We feel this is in the best interest of Sullivan County's citizens. We request the Order to be ratified by your respective governing bodies or your signature.

Respectfully,

Gary Mayes  
Regional Director



April 28, 2020

**Sullivan County COVID-19 Phase One Public Health Order Number**

Pursuant to the Declaration of Public Health Emergency adopted by the State of Tennessee on March 12, 2020, and in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 and pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated § 68-2-609*, which empowers the county health officer to order:

- (1) The quarantine of any place or person, if the county health officer finds that quarantine is necessary to protect the public health from an epidemic;*
- (2) The closure of any public establishment, facility or building if the county health officer finds unsanitary conditions of such a nature and extent to significantly threaten the public health; or*
- (3) The closure of any public establishment, facility or building, if the county health officer is otherwise authorized by law to take that action.*

This Order is being issued to protect the public health of the citizens of Sullivan County, to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, to help trend downward new COVID-19 cases, and to disrupt the spread of the virus, with the goal of saving lives and reducing strain on regional healthcare resources as much as possible.

This Order is based on the approach Governor's *Tennessee Pledge as attached*.  
<https://www.tn.gov/governor/covid-19/economic-recovery/tennessee-pledge.html>.)

This Order shall be effective at 12:01AM EDT on May 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect. Sullivan County Regional Health Department will closely monitor the Governor's plans as we move forward with new guidance.

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Andrew Stephen May, M.D., FAAFP

Date: 4-30-2020

Regional Medical Director/Health Officer

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