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ORDER

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On March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed Executive Order 2020-215, declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency. Pursuant to the authority in KRS 194A.025, KRS 214.020, KRS Chapter 39A, and Executive Orders 2020-215 and 2020-243, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Public Health, hereby orders the following directives to reduce and slow the spread of COVID-19:

1. All mass gatherings are hereby prohibited.

2. Mass gatherings include any event or convening that brings together groups of individuals, including, but not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers; and similar activities.

3. For the avoidance of doubt, a mass gathering does not include normal operations at airports, bus and train stations, medical facilities, libraries, shopping malls and centers, or other spaces where persons may be in transit. It also does not include typical office environments, factories, or retail or grocery stores where large numbers of people are present, but maintain appropriate social distancing.

4. Any gathering, regardless of whether it is a mass gathering prohibited under this Order, shall to the extent practicable implement Centers for Disease Control guidance, including:

    - maintaining a distance of 6 feet between persons;

- encouraging good hygiene measures, including regular, thorough handwashing, and providing adequate hygiene materials, including hand sanitizing options;
- encouraging people who are sick to remain home or leave the premises; and
- regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

5. The Department of Public Health hereby delegates to local health departments the authority to take all necessary measures to implement this Order.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will monitor these directives continuously and may extend the directives beyond their current expiration date. The Cabinet will continue to provide information and updates to healthcare providers during the duration of this Public Health Emergency.

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