BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MORGAN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
and
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BERKELEY-MORGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Pursuant to the advice and guidance provided by the Federal and State governments and by the Centers for Disease Control for the protection of the public and our employees to the greatest extent possible, and for the purpose of fully implementing the Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-20, dated April 3, 2020, the Morgan County Commission and Berkeley-Morgan County Health Department hereby impose the following additional restrictions upon the residents, businesses, and public bodies of Morgan County:

1. All residents shall shelter-in-place to the greatest extent possible, leaving their homes and places of abode for essential purposes only, which purposes shall include but, are not limited to, essential employment, the purchase of food and medical/pharmacological products for themselves or other neighbors and family members for whom trips outside the home are not advisable, care and feeding of livestock and other animals, and, medical appointments.

2. The congregation of individuals shall be limited to no more than 5 persons and social distancing among individuals shall be no closer than 6 feet.

3. Engaging in outdoor activity is permitted but, shall be restricted as referenced in No. 2 immediately above.

4. All essential businesses and operations conducted by both private and public employers shall order their employees and/or contractors, to the maximum extent possible, to work from their homes or residences, or to otherwise work remotely.

5. With regard to the Offices of Morgan County and its Constitutional Officers, all such offices shall be kept open on the same schedule currently in place but, with rotating skeleton crews. All employees shall be deemed “on-call” and each employee shall be expected to participate in helping to keep each of the offices open and providing services to the public as scheduled or as requested and necessary. Where possible, telework and other remote work shall be permitted.

6. No hotel, motel, bed and breakfast, Airbnb, or other business which normally offers daily/nightly/hourly rentals of rooms to the public may provide such service to any person(s) unless such person(s) agrees to rent such room for a minimum of 14 days. Provided, however, that all such businesses may provide their room services to health care providers upon request.

7. All businesses and government offices which remain open to the public shall observe protocols to be established, communicated to such entities and, published by the Berkeley-Morgan County Health Department, which protocols shall include but, shall not be limited to limiting the number of persons permitted into such business at any one time, based on square-footage. Limits imposed are as follows: (a) For businesses whose sales are comprised of 80% grocery food products, 2.5 people per each 1000 square feet of interior space may be inside at any one time. (b) For all other businesses, 2 persons per 1000 square feet of interior space may be inside at any one time.
time. In addition, protocols shall be imposed which include sanitation concerns; limits on the number of shopping carts; and, limits on the number of parking spaces available. Social distancing of employees and customers of less than 6 feet is prohibited.

8. Failure to comply with any of these or other restrictions ordered during the current health emergency may result in civil penalties as determined by separate order which penalties shall include fines and/or, in the case of businesses, closure of the offending business.

This ORDER is effective immediately.

Entered this the 7th day of April, 2020.

Joel Tuttle, President,
Morgan County Commission

Kevin McLaughlin, M.D.
Deputy Health Officer
Berkeley-Morgan Health Department

ATTEST:

Kimberly Nickles, Clerk