



## Madison County Under Mandatory Mask Order



Starting today, Madison County residents are required to wear a face covering in public in an effort to slow the spread of coronavirus. The health order goes into effect at 5 p.m. It comes as cases of COVID-19 are rising in Madison County.

Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle in a statement expressed support for the mask order. "This is a simple math problem. Since June 16, the number of positive cases in Madison County has tripled, and the number of hospitalizations has increased 660 percent," Battle said in the statement.

Medical Association President-Elect, Dr. Aruna Arora, is encouraging her community to take care of one another. "Our Madison County numbers have increased disproportionately over the past few weeks. We are all concerned about the nature of exponential growth as well as our limitations with regards to testing (due to limited reagent) and hospital capacity (due to staffing). We continue to believe that we should take care of ourselves as a responsible community," Arora said.

"We want the economy open. We want businesses open. We want schools open. We feel the best way forward to do this is to continue to wash hands and socially distance-but to also wear a

mask/face covering over the mouth and nose to significantly lower the spread of droplets that contain the virus."

See the full story on AL.com

## Be informed. Know your risk. Stay safe.



Last week, our friends at the [Texas Medical Association](#) released a chart of common activities ranked by their chances of spreading COVID-19.

The chart ranks activities like checking one's mail with a low-risk score of "1" but other activities like going to a bar with a high-risk score of "9." The activities were ranked by physicians from the TMA COVID-19 Task Force and the TMA Committee on Infectious Diseases.

See the chart and story from Newsweek here



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**Does Your Practice Need Financial Assistance?  
PPP Loan Application Deadline Pushed to August**



In keeping with our efforts to provide the latest updates from Washington, D.C., we wanted to share news with you on the federal government's action to **[extend the Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) to August 8](#)**. This extension will keep the PPP application process open, allowing the \$130 billion in unused, allocated funds to be distributed.

The PPP lets businesses get direct government subsidies for payroll, rent and other costs. The subsidies come as federal loans, but those loans can be forgiven if businesses use at least 60% of the funds for payroll.

The program, which is overseen by the Small Business Administration, has so far doled out about \$520 billion in loans to almost 5 million small businesses across the country. The loans were meant to let businesses cover about two and a half months of typical costs and medical practices could be ideally suited to it.

**[Learn more about the program and how to apply here!](#)**

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## **ADPH updates Isolation and Quarantine Timeframes for COVID-19**

Alabama Department of Public Health recently updated its guidance on isolation and quarantine of essential workers, including health care workers. You can see the new guidelines **[here](#)**.

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