

# FAQ: SAFER AT HOME & CURFEW

## CITY OF MONTGOMERY, AL

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### Q. WHY DID THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY INVOKE A CURFEW?

A. Mayor Steven L. Reed and the Montgomery City Council invoked a nightly curfew. View the order for Montgomery, effective since March 27. The curfew will be in effect **every night from 10 p.m. – 5 a.m.** until further notice.

This curfew is an effort to lessen the effects of community spread of the Coronavirus by preventing social gatherings and unsafe activities that could increase our exposure to COVID-19.

### Q. ARE THERE EXCEPTIONS?

A. Yes. "Essential activities," like visiting a health or veterinary care professional, obtaining medical supplies or medication, or delivering/obtaining grocery items are exceptions and will not be in violation of the curfew.

Other exemptions include: travelling home from out-of-town, leaving Montgomery to return to your home outside of our city; passing through (including getting gas) from outside Montgomery to your home outside of our city.

### Q. WHAT IF I HAVE TO WORK?

A. You're exempted. The curfew does not apply to people supplying or restocking businesses, including home improvement, groceries, fuel delivery locations, pharmacies or other retailers offering emergency supplies, transportation of fuels, movement of equipment and personnel for the provision of humanitarian support, and movement of equipment necessary for the protection of critical infrastructure or public safety.

### Q. WHAT IF I'M GOING TO/COMING HOME FROM WORK?

A. That's an exception: If you are traveling to or from a place of business which provides essential services by owners and employees of such business are exempted from this curfew.

### Q. WHAT IF I'M SICK OR A FAMILY MEMBER OR PET NEEDS MEDICAL CARE?

A. The curfew will not apply. You may lawfully leave your residence to visit a health or veterinary care professional or get medical supplies or medication.

### Q. WHAT IF I'M CARING FOR A FAMILY MEMBER?

A. The curfew will not apply. Providing care for minors, the elderly, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons is an essential activity and accepted. Caring for or supporting a friend, family member, or pet – even in another household – is OK and permitted.

### Q. WHAT ABOUT NEIGHBORS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

A. The curfew does not apply to those experiencing homelessness in our community. The City will work with governmental and private-sector, nonprofit partners to provide emergency shelters, to the extent possible, for those without homes or shelters in Montgomery.

### Q. IS IT OKAY TO BIKE OR WALK AFTER CURFEW?

A. Not unless you're lawfully leaving your residence per the exceptions above. Biking, walking/running, riding scooter and motorcycles, are all prohibited.

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## Q. WHAT CAN HAPPEN IF SOMEONE VIOLATES THIS ORDER?

A. Failure to comply with this order is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00 and/or up to one hundred eighty (180) days in the municipal jail. The City of Montgomery encourages all residents to abide by the curfew to keep all of safe.

## Q. DID THE STATE ISSUE THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER?

A. Yes – and our Curfew works in conjunction with the [State's Public Health Order](#). Gov. Kay Ivey and ADPH issued an order prohibiting all non-work related gatherings of 25 persons or more, or non-work related gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons. Effective March 28, the list of businesses, venues, and activities below were closed to non-employees and will not take place:

### Entertainment venues:

Night clubs  
Bowling alleys  
Arcades  
Concert Venues  
Theaters, auditoriums, and performing arts centers  
Tourist attractions (including museums and planetariums)  
Racetracks  
Indoor children's play areas  
Adult entertainment venues  
Casinos  
Bingo Halls  
Venues operated by social clubs

### Athletic facilities and activities:

Fitness centers and commercial gyms  
Spas and public or commercial swimming pools  
Yoga, barre, and spin facilities  
Spectator sports  
Activities on commercial or public playground equipment  
Sports that involve interaction with another person of closer than 6 feet  
Activities that require use of shared sporting apparatus and equipment  
Activities on commercial or public playground equipment

### Close-contact service providers:

Barber shops  
Hair salons  
Waxing salons  
Threading salons  
Nail salons and spas  
Body-art facilities and tattoo services  
Tanning salons  
Massage-therapy establishments and massage services

### Retail Stores:

Furniture and home-furnishings stores  
Clothing, shoe, and clothing-accessory stores  
Jewelry, luggage, and leather goods stores  
Department stores  
Sporting goods stores  
Book, craft, and music stores

## Q. HOW CAN I RECEIVE UPDATES AND ALERTS REGARDING COVID-19 FROM THE CITY?

- A. 1. Sign-up for our COVID-19 Response Text Alerts by **texting MGMSAFE to 888-777**  
2. Frequently visit [www.mgmready.com](http://www.mgmready.com)  
3. Sign-up for City of Montgomery [COVID-19 email alerts](#)