

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL HEALTH COMMITTEE

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City Council Health Committee

Kristerfer Burnett, Chair
Bill Henry, Vice Chair





**Enforcement of COVID-19
Executive Orders
Stay at Home Order**



Permissible Travel

Groceries



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Cleaning Supplies



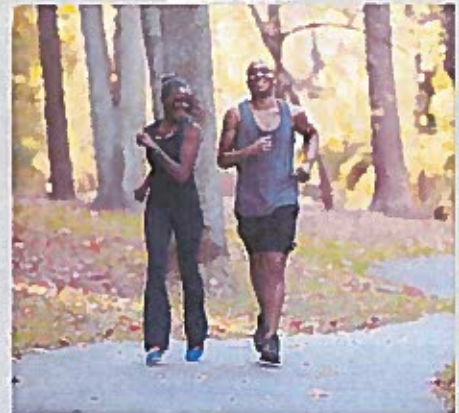
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Executive Orders
Essential Businesses**



Essential Businesses



How is the Baltimore Police implementing the Governor's Executive Order for non-essential businesses?

Any officer that observes a business or receives a complaint that a business is in violation of the Governor's Executive Order must investigate the complaint.

The officer shall:

- Assess whether a violation exists
- Contact Vice on radio channel 12A and advise them of the violation
- Vice will investigate the complaint

If Vice is not available:

- Speak to the business owner/manager and inform them that they are in violation of the order and explain the need to comply for public health and safety reasons
- Provide the business owner/manager with a copy of the order
- Attempt to obtain voluntary compliance
- Email Vice at viketips@baltimorepolice.org with the business name and location and they will conduct a follow-up investigation

Only Vice has the authority to shut down an establishment.

Visit coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov for more information about COVID-19 (Coronavirus)



Face Coverings

Retail Establishments



AP Photo

Public Transportation



nypost.com

Food Service



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Physical Distancing Measures

Social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people are hereby prohibited at all locations and venues, including but not limited to parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers. Commercial retail establishments are NOT prohibited to operate solely because occupancy exceeds 10 people.

To the extent possible, Essential Businesses must:

- ✓ **Designate with signage, tape, or other means at least six-foot spacing where lines assemble.**
- ✓ **Sanitize or provide customers the means to sanitize handle or carts and baskets, provide clean restrooms stocked with soap or sanitizer, and allow staff to wash their hands at least once every 30 minutes.**
- ✓ **Post signage at each entrance advising customers about the requirement to wear Face Coverings.**





**Enforcement of COVID-19
Executive Orders
Law Enforcement Procedures**



General Enforcement Procedures

- ✓ Any officer that receives a complaint that a business or an individual is in violation of the Governor's Executive Order regarding Face Coverings or Physical Distancing Measures must investigate the complaint.
- ✓ Voluntary compliance is the preferred result and the notification to the public of the public health risk is the desired effect.
- ✓ Public Service Announcement played by patrol officers to stress importance of social distancing: <https://youtu.be/G7xRwXK2u88>
- ✓ An individual may be denied access to Public Transportation, Foodservice and Retail Establishments for failing to wear a Face Covering.
- ✓ Non-Essential businesses will be ordered to shut down immediately.



General Enforcement Procedures (Cont.)

- ✓ **The Governor's Executive Order is punishable under Public Safety Article 14-3A-08, which reads:**

(3) Prohibited. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person may not knowingly and willfully fail to comply with an order, requirement, or directive issued under this subtitle. pg. 38

(4) A person who violates paragraph (1) of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

- ✓ **Criminal charges may be sought only after consulting with a Lieutenant or above to determine whether seeking criminal charges through an application of criminal charges is appropriate while balancing resource constraints and public harm.**



Voluntary Compliance

Before



Carey & Laurens

After



Carey & Laurens

Before



1200 W North

After



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