

City of Birmingham:

The City of Birmingham continues to be under a state of emergency. The state government has provided detailed recommendations and guidance as we move into the 'safer at home' plan. We still have a ways to go before we can return to normalcy. Therefore, it is important to remain vigilant at this time. As a reminder, social distancing is still in effect. We ask that you please stay at home as much as you can. It is recommended by state and county public health officials to wear face coverings in public. In Birmingham, face coverings are a mandate. Also, in support of our efforts to reopen retail, we have reduced our shelter-in-place ordinance to a daily curfew of 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. There are several exceptions to the curfew, which does not impact essential workers or businesses. If you are traveling for work, medical reasons, serving as a caretaker, or out to get food, you will be exempt. Again, this ordinance is to keep people off the streets and at home as much as possible.

Jefferson County EMA:

The Unified Command has been working diligently in order to provide an effective response to COVID-19 within our community. This command structure has brought together various agencies such as the health department, city and county government departments, medical facilities, response agencies, corrections facilities, places of worship, homelessness advocates, and volunteer groups to work together in a unified structure in order to ensure a strong fight against COVID-19 as a community. Due to social distancing protocols, we have been able to conduct this entire response in a virtual manner, which has never been done.

- The first component that activated was a Joint Information Center. This information hub brought together Public Information officers together from many agencies across the county to ensure consistent messaging and communication across jurisdictional boundaries.
 - You can access the latest information by going to our website www.jeffcoema.org, and clicking the COVID-19 buttons at the top of our page. These web pages were put together in partnership with many of the agencies across the county.
- The Unified Command was tasked from the outset with several problems that needed rapid solutions. One of these tasks being community feeding. In the last week, The Central Alabama Food Bank and the Christian Service Mission has fed 69,309 families which amounted to 215,051 pounds of food. As of today, 2-1-1 has met all reported needs. If you need help or assistance with acquiring food or other problems, please reach out to 2-1-1 so you can obtain the assistance you need.

The Unified Command will continue to operate until the need ceases to exist.

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