

Press Release July 4, 2020 Executive Order 54

Hello this is Ron Woody, Roane County Executive with a July 4th 9:00am update regarding Executive Order #54.

We have received news reports along with a press release at 6:47pm yesterday that Executive Order 54 was signed by Governor Bill Lee granting to county mayors the authority to issues local mask requirements in the event of a significant rise in COVID-19 cases.

The official order has not been posted as of this update on the Tennessee Secretary of State's website, where the previous 53 Executive Orders are posted.

In reviewing the EO from the news release the order applies to 89 of the 95 counties and the authority would expire August 3.

Since last night I have communicated with numerous county mayors and will have a conference call with others no later than Monday.

I have already received emails from the general Roane County Community requesting that I invoke Mask Requirements and requesting that I do not invoke the requirements.

My initial thoughts are we should be responsible individuals and work to protect ourselves but more important those who we come in contact with on daily basis. Wear your mask in public because it is the right thing to do. Wear your mask in public gathering (churches) because it is the right thing to do.

You wear your seat belt when you drive. Wear your mask when in contact with people.

Be responsible and respectful.

My last report was June 29th with June 27th numbers some seven (7) days ago with 43 positives and now we stand at 59 with 24 active cases.

Based on the current trends it appears we all may come in contact with someone who is a carrier.

Please protect yourself and others. Wear a mask where appropriate.

Please keep tuning into these update as we fight this pandemic.

Have a happy 4th.