

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order 2020-52

Continuation of Executive Order 2020-43
Slowing the Spread of COVID-19

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2020, Executive Order 2020-43 was issued providing measures to protect public health and safety and mitigate the strain on our health care providers by slowing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, at the time of issuance, Arizona had 73,908 diagnosed cases of COVID-19 including 1,588 deaths, and the State was seeing an increase in the number of cases and hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, the increased case numbers and hospitalizations necessitated the need for an increased focus on precautionary measures by both businesses and individuals; and

WHEREAS, since the issuance of that Order, action was taken to limit restaurant capacity to 50% and other mitigation measures such as eliminating standing at restaurants; and

WHEREAS, as of July 23, 2020, there have been 152,944 diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in Arizona including 3,063 deaths; and

WHEREAS, the weekly Arizona State Report issued by the White House Coronavirus Task Force on July 19, 2020, identifies that all but two Arizona counties are in the “red zone” which indicates there were new cases above 100 per 100,000 population and a diagnostic test positivity result above 10%; and

WHEREAS, the policy recommendations in the State Report, include that gyms and bars should be closed, that outdoor dining opportunities should be provided as possible and that groups should be limited to 10 people or fewer; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-43, outlined that certain businesses should be closed until at least July 27, 2020 to respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-43 stated it “shall remain in place until further notice and reviewed for repeal or revision every two weeks after July 27, 2020;” and

WHEREAS, mask mandates, limitations on groups and closure of certain businesses have resulted in slight improvements to the growth of cases, these measures need to continue due to continued high rates of hospitalizations and high numbers of cases; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is committed to containing the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state including A.R.S. §§ 26-303 and 36-787, hereby order as follows:

1. The provisions of Executive Order 2020-43, ordered through July 27, 2020, including those pausing business operations for certain businesses, shall be extended, remain in place and continue to be reviewed for repeal or revision every two weeks.
2. The Governor's Office will issue a notice of review and current status of this and Executive Order 2020-43 which shall be published on the Governor's Office website at www.azgovernor.gov.
3. If any provision of this Executive Order, and Executive Order 2020-43 which is incorporated herein, or their application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Executive Order or any other Executive Order, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are declared to be severable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty- third day of July in the year Two Thousand and Twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty- Fifth.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State