

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020 - 5**

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IN THE MATTER OF INSTITUTING A JUVENILE "STAY AT HOME ORDER" BY AC  
WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SALINE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

**WHEREAS**, in Executive Order EO 20-03 the Governor of the State of Arkansas declared an emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic which has spread to the state of Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that COVID-19 has been detected within Saline County and threatens the lives of people in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the virus is a new disease and there is much more to learn about how it spreads, the severity of the illness, how to treat it, and to what extent it will continue to spread; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saline County Judge has previously declared a local disaster emergency in Saline County pursuant to A.C.A. §12-75-108; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Greg Bledsoe, the Surgeon General of the State of Arkansas announced a coming wave of COVID-19 infections and urged citizens of the state to abide by social distancing and quarantine restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Arkansas has mandated that all schools close for the present time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has also mandated social distancing in that people are to stay at least six (6) feet apart and that no group congregate with more than ten people; and

**WHEREAS**, following these directives from the Governor it is apparent that minors and in particular school age children are not abiding by these directives especially during the hours they would normally be in school; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the unincorporated areas of Saline County, it has become necessary to institute a juvenile "stay at home order" for all minors within the unincorporated areas of Saline County as more fully described herein; and

**WHEREAS**, a violation of the juvenile "stay at home order" included within the unincorporated areas of Saline County will adversely impact the County's ability to protect the public health and safety from COVID-19 because the more people are outside and interacting with others the higher the demonstrated risk exists for spreading the virus unknowingly from an individual who may test positive for the virus, or who comes into contact with another person who has tested positive for the virus, or who is in fact carrying the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, this exercise of the County's disaster emergency management functions are necessary to address public health and medical issues, and all activities which are undertaken herein are necessary or incidental to the preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery and prevention for such governmental function are authorized by

A.C.A. §12-75-108, as well as other provisions of the Arkansas Emergency Services Act of 1974 all of which are undertaken in fulfillment of the responsibilities of the County has to protect lives and property and to minimize and reduce the risks of transfer of COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEFF AREY,** acting under my authority as County Judge for Saline County, Arkansas, pursuant to A.C.A. §12-75-101, et seq. & acting under this authority, declare the following using the emergency powers conferred upon me as County Judge:

**Section One:** A juvenile “stay at home order” for all minors within the unincorporated areas of Saline County will take effect at 12:01 am, Monday April 6, 2020 subject to the following provisions, to-wit:


- a) All minors, within the unincorporated areas of Saline County, not engaged in one of the following listed activities shall remain indoors or on the real property of their parent(s), guardian(s) or adult caregiver(s) whether the property is owned, leased, rented or occupied by permission of the owner:
  - (i) Activities where the parent(s), guardian(s) or adult caregiver(s) are physically present with the minor child and all of the social distancing directives of the Governor are being followed; or
  - (ii) Activities where the minor child is employed and is performing job related tasks.
  
- b) Travel by the minor shall not be impacted by this stay at home order so long as the travel conforms to the following:
  - (i) to or from work or a place of business where the minor is employed and the minor has a driver’s license;
  - (ii) to or from seeking medical assistance, medication, or contact with a local, county or state or federal emergency service including law enforcement, firefighters, and/or emergency medical personnel;
  - (iii) in the performance of a work related duty of the minor;
  - (iv) to or from a location whether inside or outside the unincorporated areas of Saline County so long as a parent(s), guardian(s) or adult caregiver(s) is present with the minor child; or
  - (v) to obtain food or necessary supplies.

**Section Two:** This juvenile “stay at home order” will be in effect until further notice, but in no event will it remain in effect for no more than 120 days from the date of its execution and filing with the Saline County Clerk without a formal action to continue or renew it taken by the Saline County Quorum Court.

**Section Three:** Because the purpose of this juvenile “stay at home order” is exercised pursuant to the County’s disaster emergency management functions, the Saline County Sheriff and deputies of the Saline County Sheriff’s Office are directed that upon contact with any person who appears to be in violation of the hours of the “stay

at home order" to do the following:

- a) Inform the parent(s), guardian(s) or adult caregiver(s) of the minor child of the juvenile stay at home order and that it is necessary for the minor child to return to a residence or otherwise come into compliance with the order immediately;
- b) To issue a citation only for other criminal misdemeanor offenses committed in the officer's presence, including but not limited to obstructing governmental operations, loitering or disorderly conduct, should a parent(s), guardian(s), adult caregiver(s) or juvenile fail to comply with the lawful order of the law enforcement officer to obey the juvenile "stay at home order".

  
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Jeff Arley, County Judge

Date: April 2, 2020