



MASK REQUIREMENT EXTENDED UNTIL OCTOBER 2 HEALTH OFFICIALS URGE FLU SHOTS

Governor Ivey has extended mandatory masks/face coverings (in public, close contact) until **October 2**. There are no other major changes to the Safer at Home Order.

THE VIA CENTER

Once again...the Via Center will now plan for an October opening. We continue to implement our *Ready to Re-Open Strategic Plan* and are ready when we get the approval from the Governor. Believe us when we tell you: we are ready to open and miss our Seniors!

NEW SERVICES FOR SENIORS

We now offer the Via Fitness Portal virtual classes, our interactive e-newsletter - "Seniors Staying Connected" - for education and enrichment, monthly drive-through social events and community food distributions and Neighbor-to-Neighbor call/check in program. If you know a Senior that would like to join our programs, call 251.470.5229 or e-mail bestes@viamobile.org.

THE POSITIVE NEWS AS WE LOOK TO RE-OPENING: MASK MANDATE APPEARS TO BE WORKING IN ALABAMA

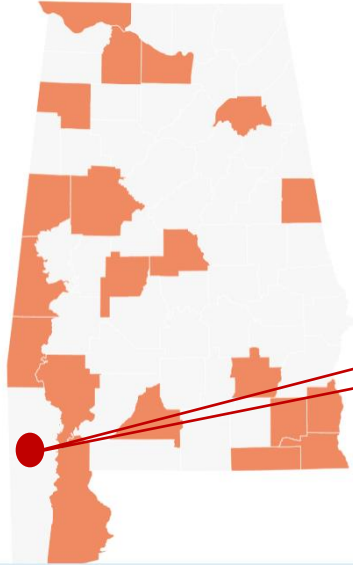
Seniors can relate to Governor Ivey's comments:

"And folks, I understand you don't want to wear the mask. I don't either. My glasses fog up. I can't understand what people are saying because of the muffled effect that the mask has on conversations," she said. "I wish we didn't have to wear masks. **But we are seeing significant drops in our hospitalizations and daily positive COVID-19 numbers. And I have no doubt that this is the result of our mask ordinance.**"

In Alabama, deaths are declining and positive test results have fallen from 17% to 8%

HOW ARE WE DOING IN MOBILE COUNTY? TRENDING DOWNWARD

Where cases are increasing
Counties where this week's 7-day average is higher than the previous week.

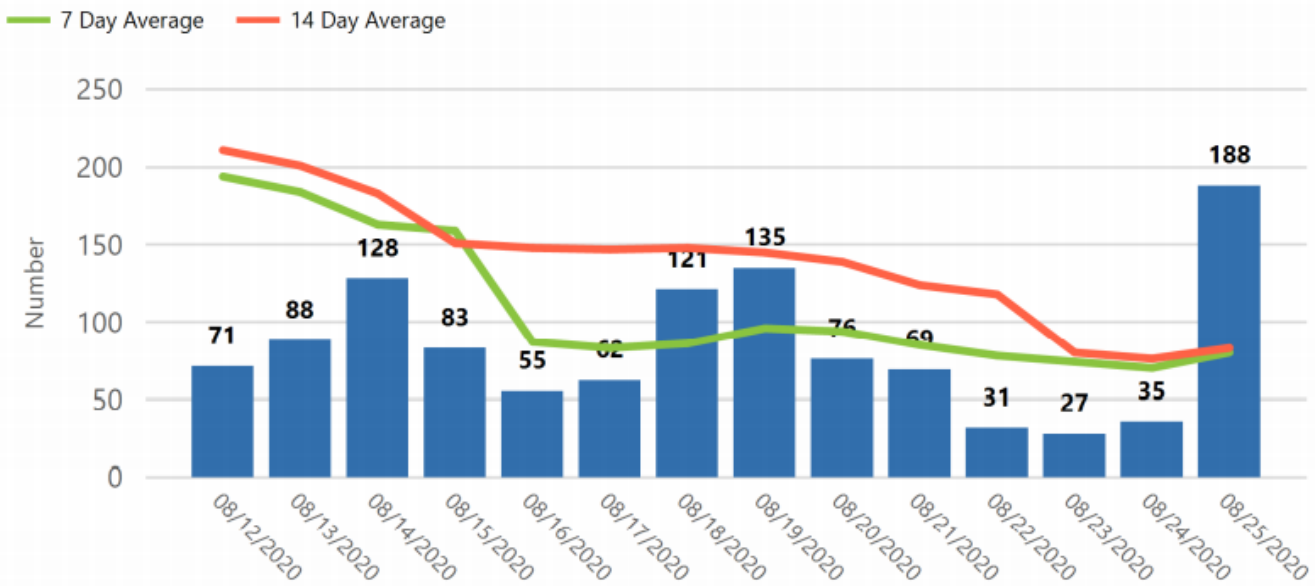


Mobile is not among the counties seeing an increase in cases. In the last week, Mobile County cases have decreased by 23%.

Last 7 days: 449 cases
Increase to 7-day average: -23%

From August 13 to August 25, our cases overall have been decreasing. Health officials are questioning the increase on August 25, possibly an error in batch reporting. We will continue to see spikes, as a result of school openings, athletics and the Labor Day holiday.

COVID-19 Reported In the Last 14 Days With 7-Day and 14-Day Moving Average



PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY GET YOUR FLU SHOT

Alabama’s flu season occurs during the fall and winter, with cases peaking in December and January. With Covid circulating, experts say getting a flu shot is even more important.

We have heard from some Seniors they are worried about going to the doctor because they might catch Covid. However, we have *also* heard from even more Seniors that their physicians and the medical community have adopted all necessary safety protocols to protect you.

Click Here for Alabama Case Information

https://alpublichealth.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html?fbclid=IwAR3f78sbeV0RHroYQZnrjE0UDwgsqFUI8STWX_nuZHK5zcTRHtNHYGKeOvM#/6d277lfaa9da4a2786a509d82c8cf0f7

Click Here for Full Statewide Order

<https://governor.alabama.gov/assets/2020/08/Safer-at-Home-Order-Final-8.27.20.pdf>

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https://governor.alabama.gov/assets/2020/08/GKI_Health-Order-Update_Extended-to-Oct-2_Horizontal.pdf

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