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**SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR LEE HARRIS RENEWS EXECUTIVE ORDER; ADDS  
PROVISION IN RENEWED ORDER TO PROTECT SENIORS**

Memphis, TN – This week, the mayors of Arlington, Bartlett, Collierville, Memphis, Millington, Lakeland, Germantown, and Shelby County met by phone to discuss Executive Orders that advise Shelby County residents to forgo nonessential activity. All Mayors agreed to renew orders limiting nonessential activity for an additional 7 days. In most cases, those orders will be renewed effective Friday, April 10, 2020.

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris: “We are working every day on confronting the most significant public health event in our community in 100 years. This week, all of the mayors in Shelby County agreed to renew our respective Executive Orders as we continue to work to flatten the curve and stop the spread of COVID-19.”

Additionally, Shelby County Government, on behalf of the Joint COVID Task Force, has been working with grocery stores on additional ways to protect seniors from the risks associated with COVID-19. CDC guidelines advise that seniors are at a higher risk for severe illness. As a result of those discussions, the Executive Order from Mayor Harris will be revised to include the following language:

- 1. Special Hours for Vulnerable Population. For purposes of this Order, all essential grocery retail establishments are required to provide at least one hour of controlled access to patrons age 55 and over and to those who have serious underlying medical conditions. Limited access is meant to protect vulnerable populations from additional or unnecessary risk of contracting COVID-19.*

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A copy of the new order is attached. Mayor Harris' renewed Executive order, with new language on grocery store hours, will go into effect today, Friday, April 10, 2020.

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris: "I will be amending my Executive Order to advise grocery stores to provide one hour of protected shopping for seniors. Seniors, according to CDC guidelines, are at higher risk of requiring severe treatment for the novel coronavirus. That is also borne out in our local data. The median age of those who have died from COVID-19 is 65 years. Every day we are working on protecting the community from the spread of COVID-19. As we identify groups that are at high risks, like our seniors, we will put in place additional protections."

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