



EXECUTIVE DECLARATION

WHEREAS, under Section 38-81 of the Dover City Code of Ordinances, Mayor Robin R. Christiansen declared a state of general emergency in The City of Dover, Delaware it was lawfully declared as of May 31, 2020 at 1800 hours EST due to the imminent threat to person, property and in the best interest of public safety to allow financial decisions and to make staff available as needed; and

WHEREAS, we support the right for all citizens to peacefully protest their First Amendment Rights but if impedes or causes violence and intrusion on the rights of their fellow citizens to be safe and secure we will take the necessary actions to maintain the peace and tranquility for the city; and

WHEREAS, Section 38-82 under Emergency Measures of the Code of Ordinances after declaring a state of emergency the mayor may:

(3) *Curfew*. Establish a curfew, and prohibit any person from being on the public streets, in public places or in any other public place during the hours declared by the mayor to be a period of curfew, provided this shall not include those persons who are caused to be in public places by reason of their employment or a private emergency involving health, safety or protection of property.

(4) *Streets; traffic*. Halt or restrict access or egress, on foot or by vehicles, upon public streets to or from the city or any part thereof, and to halt or restrict the movement of trains, automobiles, buses, trucks or other vehicles into, within or from the city.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ROBIN. R. CHRISTIANSEN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, DELAWARE do hereby declare, pursuant to the Dover City Code of Ordinances, a curfew to be enforced during the times of 9:00pm – 6:00am starting on May 31, 2020 until further notice. The nature of the emergency is in the best interest of public safety and threat of person and property.

Finally, this action is taken with the highest regard for the civil and constitutional rights, as well as, the safety of all our citizens.

ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN
MAYOR

FAQ's Regarding Dover's Curfew

Does the curfew apply throughout the entire City of Dover? Yes. All parts of the City are important and valued, and the safety of the whole City should be protected to the same degree by the curfew.

When does the curfew apply? The curfew applies from 9:00 p.m. till 6:00a.m. until further notice.

Will there be additional restrictions? Depending on how events unfold, there may be additional restrictions announced. The safety of our community is the highest priority for the City.

How will the curfew be enforced? The City asks all to voluntarily adhere to the curfew to help protect the safety of our community. The curfew is a tool to address the kind of behavior that causes fires, property damage, and personal injury in the City and not to intrude into people's lives.

I'm scheduled to work during the curfew. Can I still travel to go to work? Can my employees still report to work during the curfew? Yes, people are allowed to travel to and from work during the curfew. Verification may be required.

Are businesses required to close during the curfew? The curfew does not require businesses to close, but it does mean that the public should not be travelling to and from businesses like restaurants or retailers during the curfew, so some business may choose to close during these hours.

Can I use a ride-hailing app, for transportation. Am I allowed to use those during the curfew? Yes, you can use a ride-hailing app like Lyft or Uber, to travel for work which is allowed under the curfew. These methods of transportation will continue to operate unless circumstances require them to be closed to protect public health and safety.

What if I need to go to the hospital during the curfew? People are allowed to seek emergency medical care during the curfew.

My situation at home is not safe, and I may need to leave. Can I leave during the curfew to avoid an unsafe living situation? Yes, the curfew allows people to leave unsafe circumstances, which would include domestic violence, fire, criminal conduct, or any other unsafe circumstance.

Are there other exemptions from the curfew? The curfew also does not apply to law enforcement, fire fighters, medical personnel, or members of the news media.

How is the City's curfew different from the Governor's State of Emergency? The City's curfew is aimed at protecting public safety and reducing property damage and personal injury during a civil disturbance, while the Governor's State of Emergency is aimed at reducing the spread of the coronavirus. However, under both people should be remaining at home whenever possible, and the curfew only applies during the limited hours from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.