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Mayor Jacobs Issues Statement About Governor Ending Safer at Home

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs issued the following statement about Governor Bill Lee’s announcement that he would not extend his Safer at Home Order when it expires on April 30.

“None of us could have imagined facing circumstances like these during our time in public office, but Gov. Lee’s leadership throughout this unprecedented crisis has been calm, measured and reassuring,” said Mayor Jacobs.

“I agree with Gov. Lee’s decision to end the Safer at Home Order on April 30 and am pleased he has said that some businesses will be able to open as early as next Monday,” said Mayor Jacobs. “I look forward to working with the State to develop a plan for Knox County that gets people back to work as safely and quickly as possible.”

He continued: “As of today, Knox County has 28 active cases. Our case trend line has remained flat over the past week and our recoveries are increasing. Hospitals in our region are just over fifty percent occupied, and thanks to the efforts of our local health departments, hospitals and TEMA, we are well positioned to accommodate an increase in COVID-19 patients should there be an unexpected increase in the trend line.”

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