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## **Alabama House Democrats Support Continuation of Mask Order**

*Gov. Kay Ivey has extended the “Safer at Home” health order requiring masks in public. Alabama House Democrats applaud this action as Alabama begins to make progress combatting COVID-19.*

**Montgomery, AL** – Governor Kay Ivey held a press conference today to announce that the “Safer at Home” public health order has been extended and that the mandate to wear masks in public will continue until April 9, 2021. Ivey has recently stated that although she “prefers personal responsibility to government mandates,” the data show that masking, social distancing, and other public health safety measures are working and need to continue.

Alabama House Democrats applaud Governor Ivey’s courageous decision to extend the mask mandate and believe that with increased vaccine distribution, mask wearing and social distancing we can significantly reduce the spread in the state.

Alabama House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels (D-Madison) stated, “Now is not the time to back down in the battle against COVID-19. Overall, cases are declining, but there are still counties in Alabama with “Very High Risk” indicators.”

“The Department of Public Health reports more than 14,000 cases in the last fourteen days. Alabamians are still getting sick, and unfortunately many are still dying. This fight is not over.”

Alabama House Democrats will continue their efforts to combat COVID-19 by advocating for practical policies that are grounded in science and data. The Caucus champions increased eligibility for Medicaid, fair and equitable vaccine distribution, and ensuring that all Alabamians have access to the resources they need to survive this pandemic.

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