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# Tennessee Code 68-2-609 – Orders of county health officer

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**(a)** Except as provided in subsection (b), the county health officer may order:



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## Terms Used In Tennessee Code 68-2-609



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**Person:** includes a corporation, firm, company or association. See [Tennessee Code 1-3-105](#)

- (1) The quarantine of a place or person, if the county health officer finds that quarantine is necessary to protect the public health from an epidemic;
- (2) The closure of a public establishment, facility, or building, if the county health officer finds unsanitary conditions of such a nature and extent to significantly threaten the public health. For purposes of this subdivision (a)(2), "unsanitary" does not mean free of agents of infection;
- (3) The closure of a public establishment, facility, or building, if the county health officer is otherwise authorized by law to take that action; or
- (4) Except as provided in title 14 and § 68-2-611, rules as are necessary or appropriate to protect the general health and safety of the county.
- (b) The county health officer shall not issue an order under subsection (a) that closes a church or religious organization for purposes of worship services.
- (c) An order issued in violation of this section is void and unenforceable.

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