

**Minutes of
Clay County Board of Supervisors
Special Called Emergency Meeting
Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.**

BE IT REMEMBERED a special called emergency meeting of the Clay County Board of Supervisors was held at the Clay County Courthouse, West Point, Mississippi, on Sunday, March 22, 2020.

PRESENT:

Luke Lummus, Supervisor District 2, Presiding
Lynn D. Horton, Supervisor District 1
R.B. Davis, Supervisor District 3
Shelton Deanes, Supervisor District 4
Joe Chandler, Supervisor District 5

Eddie Scott, Clay County Sheriff
Amy G. Berry, Clay County Chancery Clerk
Angela Turner Ford, Board Attorney
Torrey Williams, Emergency Management Coordinator

County Residents

The following proceedings were had:

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Eddie Scott. The welcome was given by Supervisor Lummus with invocation given by Supervisor Horton.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Supervisor Horton moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chandler.

(Exhibit "A")

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

No Amendments

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE NOTICE AS POSTED OF THE SPECIAL CALLED EMERGENCY MEETING

Supervisor Horton moved to authorize and approve of the Special Called Emergency Meeting notice as posted.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Deanes.

(Exhibit "B")

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE OF THE RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR CONTROL OF CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND RELATED PURPOSES

Supervisor Davis moved to approve of the Resolution declaring an emergency for control of contagious and infectious disease and related purposes.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Deanes.

(Exhibit "C")

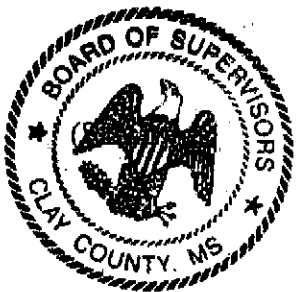
RECESS

Supervisor Davis moved to recess until Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clay County Courthouse.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Deanes.

All motions were carried unanimously unless otherwise indicated.

SO ORDERED, this the 22nd day of March, 2020.



Luke Lummus

LUKE LUMMUS, PRESIDENT
CLAY COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

Amy G. Berry
AMY G. BERRY, CHANCERY CLERK
CLERK OF THE BOARD

EXHIBIT A



***Clay County Board of Supervisors
Agenda for Meeting
Sunday, March 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.***

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Prayer
- Adopt and Amend the Agenda
- Treva and Angela
 - Consider Resolution Implementing Certain Policies, Practices, and Procedures
- Recessed until Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

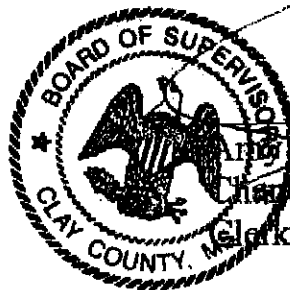
EXHIBIT B

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED EMERGENCY MEETING

Pursuant to Section 19-3-19 (3) of *the Mississippi Code* and as request by Luke Lummus, President of the Clay County Board of Supervisors, the Clay County Board of Supervisors will meet today, Sunday, March 22, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. at the Clay County Courthouse, Courtroom located on 2nd floor, to discuss the following items of business:

- Policies, practices, and procedures of Clay County to control the outbreak of infectious diseases relative to COVID-19

SO PUBLISHED this the 22nd day of March, 2020.



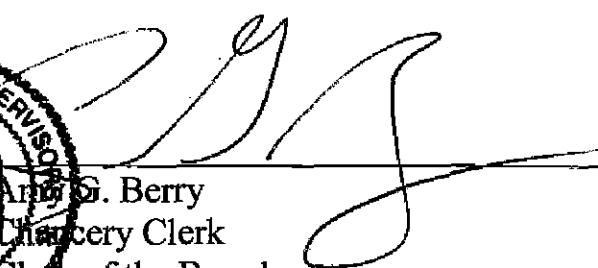

Amy G. Berry
Chancery Clerk
Clerk of the Board

EXHIBIT C

**RESOLUTION OF THE CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECLARING A AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR CONTROL CONTAGIOUS AND
INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND RELATED PURPOSES**

THERE CAME ON TO BE HEARD AND WAS HEARD the motion of Supervisor Davis, which motion was seconded by Supervisor Deavel to adopt the following resolution, to-wit:

RE: RESOLUTION DECLARING LOCAL DISASTER, ETC.

WHEREAS, Section 19-11-21, *Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated*, provides that:

Upon the happening of any emergency caused by fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot or insurrection, or caused by an inherent defect due to defective construction, or when the immediate preservation of order or of public health is necessary, or when the restoration of a condition of usefulness of any public building or other property which has been destroyed by accident or otherwise, is necessary, or when mandatory expenditures required by law must be met, the board of supervisors may, upon adoption, by unanimous vote of all members present at any meeting, of a resolution stating the facts constituting the emergency and entering the same on its minutes, make the expenditures, borrow money or incur the liabilities necessary ***, and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning on January 27, 2020; on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a nationwide state of emergency due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Mississippi Code Annotated, Section 33-15-1 1(b)(17), Governor Tate Reeves issued a Proclamation declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and the State of Mississippi significantly impact the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Clay County and the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the risk of spread of COVID-19 within Clay County, Mississippi constitutes a public emergency that may result in substantial injury or harm to life, health, and property within Clay County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Mississippi State Department of Health confirmed the first presumptive case of COVID-19 in Mississippi and as of March 22, 2020, there are 249 presumptive and confirmed cases in Mississippi that have tested positive for COVID-19, which includes 1 case in Clay County; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for responding to COVID-19 suggests avoiding crowds as much as possible, especially for older adults and individuals with serious chronic medical conditions, and the Mississippi State Department of Health has recommended avoiding large gatherings of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi state agencies and governmental entities as well as school districts that have temporarily closed or are operating on limited staffing in response to COVID-19 in order to minimize the interaction and risk of possible transmission of COVID-19 between employees within governmental offices and between governmental employees and members of the public will need flexibility to meet continuity of essential operations and to address the economic impact on employees who may be asked not to report to work if their duties are not deemed essential during any period of time during the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the hereinabove stated facts constitute a local emergency within the meaning of Section 19-11-21 and 33-15-17(d), *Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated*, caused by epidemic and the immediate preservation of public health is necessary.

WHEREAS, the Clay County Board of Supervisors, having met on March 22, 2020, adopted a resolution requiring certain policies, practices and procedures be observed and implemented by persons in Clay County, in addition to Clay County Department Heads, and that given the pandemic nature of this local emergency, hereby furthers finds and to the extent necessary amends it previously adopted resolution, as follows:

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED AND RESOLVED:

Section 1. No events, meetings or gatherings involving more than ten (10) persons (or such other number as may be recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the Mississippi State Board of Health given in response to COVID-19 during the State of Emergency) shall take place within the boundaries of Clay County, including but not limited to restaurant dining areas, bars, dance halls, gymnasiums, fitness centers, outdoor recreational or sporting facilities, meetings of social, fraternal and civic organizations, barbershops, hair salons, beauty shops, nail salons, funerals or weddings, with the exception of those establishments providing necessary products and services

such as healthcare facilities or clinics, nursing homes, pharmacies, grocery stores, gas stations, banks, food marts, convenience stores, discount or dollar stores, child care facilities, laundry mats, and manufacturers located in commercial or industrial districts.

Section 2. Effective immediately, and continuing until further action by the Clay County Board of Supervisors, all restaurants, in addition to the ten (10) person limit as provided herein, are encouraged to serve food using drive-through, pick-up, to include curbside pick-up, or delivery methods.

Section 3. Effective immediately, and continuing until further action by the Clay County Board of Supervisors, all churches, temples and places of worship, assemblages and gatherings within the boundaries of Clay County shall adhere to the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Mississippi State Department of Health and limit crowds, assemblages or gatherings to no more than ten (10) people. Such entities and assemblages and gatherings are reminded and encouraged to use live-streaming services or other electronic means of broadcasting or recording.

Section 4. Effective immediately, and continuing until further action by the Clay County Board of Supervisors, all businesses, agencies, manufacturers and units of government located within Clay County employing ten (10) or more employees in any one business shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that such businesses comply with CDC recommendations and guidance and implement appropriate safeguards to prevent the spread of infectious disease, including but not limited to: mandating social distancing, sending home and actively encouraging sick employees to stay home and sending home employees who appear to have respiratory illness symptoms, emphasizing work-from-home where possible, mandating respiratory etiquette and proper hand hygiene, maintaining clean and sanitary workplaces, cautioning employees regarding travel and taking all such additional measures to prohibit and/or reduce the spread of infectious disease, especially COVID-19.

Section 5. Violation of any provisions herein shall be punished by a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars, (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days, and cost of prosecution, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the justice court judge, except as provided otherwise by state law. Each violation is a separate offense.


Section 6. The County may issue such orders as are necessary for the production of life and liberty.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effective immediately and shall remain effective until further notice. The previously adopted resolution of the Clay County Board of Supervisors shall remain in full force and effect, except to the extent modified herein.

Section 8. This resolution shall be published in *The Daily Times Leader*, a newspaper having general circulation in Clay County, Mississippi, as provided by statute and posted on the website for the County.

SO RESOLVED, on this the 24th day of March, 2020.



CLAY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR
BY: 
LUKE LUMMUS, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

AMY G. BERRY, CLERK

Publish: March 24, 2020 April 2, 2020

After due discussion, the motion was called to vote and each supervisor voted as

follows, to-wit:

Supervisor D. Lynn Horton, District One

AYE

Supervisor Luke Lummus, District Two

AYE

Supervisor R.B. Davis, District Three

AYE

Supervisor Shelton Deanes, District Four

AYE

Supervisor Joe Chandler, District Five

AYE

The motion passing by a majority of the supervisors, it was declared passed by the Board of Supervisors.

By: Representatives Gunn, Boyd, Weathersby,
Carpenter, Darnell, Foster, McGee, Steverson

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 1647

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AND LOCAL
2 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITH PAY TO THE
3 EMPLOYEES OF THOSE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AND LOCAL SCHOOL
4 DISTRICTS IN THE EVENT OF CERTAIN DISASTERS OR EMERGENCIES; AND
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** From and after March 14, 2020, the board of
8 supervisors of any county, the governing authority of any
9 municipality and the local school board of any public school
10 district may grant administrative leave with pay during the
11 affected period within the affected county, municipality or school
12 district to the employees of such governmental entities on a local
13 or statewide basis in the event of extreme weather conditions or
14 in the event of a man-made, technological or natural disaster or
15 emergency, if such event has resulted in an emergency declaration
16 by the Governor. Any employee on a previously approved leave
17 during the affected period shall be eligible for such
18 administrative leave granted by the governing authority, and shall

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19 not be charged for his or her previously approved leave during the
20 affected period.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after its passage.

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Mississippi House Bill 1647

Status

Completed Legislative Action
 Spectrum: Moderate Partisan Bill (Republican 7-1)
 Status: Passed on March 19 2020 - 100% progression
 Action: 2020-03-19 - Approved by Governor
 Text: Latest bill text (Enrolled) [HTML]

Summary

An Act To Authorize Local Governmental Entities And Local School Districts To Grant Administrative Leave With Pay To The Employees Of Those Local Governmental Entities And Local School Districts In The Event Of Certain Disasters Or Emergencies; And For Related Purposes.

Title

Local governmental entities and school districts; authorize grant of admin leave with pay in event of certain disasters or emergencies.

Sponsors

Rep. Philip Gunn [R]	Rep. Randy Boyd [R]	Rep. Tom Weathersby [R]	Rep. Lester Carpenter [R]
Rep. Jerry Darnell [R]	Rep. Stephanie Foster [D]	Rep. Missy Warren McGee [R]	Rep. Jody Steverson [R]

Roll Calls

2020-03-18 - *Senate* - Senate Passed (Y: 51 N: 0 NV: 1 Abs: 0) [PASS]
 2020-03-17 - *House* - House Passed (Y: 118 N: 2 NV: 1 Abs: 0) [PASS]

History

Date	Chamber	Action
2020-03-19		Approved by Governor
2020-03-18	Senate	Enrolled Bill Signed
2020-03-18	House	Enrolled Bill Signed
2020-03-18	Senate	Returned For Enrolling
2020-03-18	Senate	Immediate Release
2020-03-18	Senate	Passed
2020-03-18	Senate	Title Suff Do Pass
2020-03-18	Senate	Referred To Rules
2020-03-17	House	Transmitted To Senate
2020-03-17	House	Passed
2020-03-17	House	Title Suff Do Pass
2020-03-17	House	Referred To Rules

Mississippi State Sources

Type	Source

Type	Source
Summary	http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/2020/pdf/history/HB/HB1647.xml
Text	http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2020/html/HB/1600-1699/HB1647IN.htm
Text	http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2020/html/HB/1600-1699/HB1647PS.htm
Text	http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2020/html/HB/1600-1699/HB1647SG.htm
Roll Call	http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/2020/pdf/votes/house/0710003.pdf
Roll Call	http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/2020/pdf/votes/senate/0720003.pdf

Bill Comments

<https://legiscan.com/MS/bill/HB1647/2020>

3/25/2020

Serial: 230963

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

No. 2020-AD-00001-SCT

***IN RE: EMERGENCY ORDER RELATED TO
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)***

EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER-5

Consistent with the Court's prior Emergency Administrative Orders entered in this matter, the Supreme Court and the Chief Justice, in his capacity as chief administrative officer of all courts in the state, reiterate that, pursuant to the Constitution of this State, all local and state courts – municipal, justice, county, chancery, circuit, and appellate courts – shall remain open to ensure the fulfillment of their constitutional and statutory duties. *See, e.g.,* Miss. Const. Art. 3, § 24 (“All courts shall be open . . . and justice shall be administered without sale, denial, or delay”).

That said, in the prior Emergency Administrative Orders, the Court has recognized that the national and state emergencies created by Coronavirus (COVID-19) require appropriate measures to protect the health and safety of the citizens of this State. Those measures are constantly changing and the Court continues to modify its orders to hinder the spread of COVID-19. For instance, consistent with the Interim Guidance of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) dated March 15, 2020, Emergency Administrative Order-2 prohibited, *inter alia*, all courts in the state from “permit[ting] gatherings of more than 50 people beyond the persons involved in the day-to-day operations of the courts.” The CDC has since recommended that gatherings be limited to no “more than 10 people for organizations that serve higher-risk populations.”

Given the pandemic nature of this emergency, and to the end of ensuring constitutional rights are protected in a manner consistent with the general welfare and health of the

citizens of this State, the prior Emergency Administrative Orders in this matter are clarified and amended, as follows:

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. All courts are urged to limit in-person, courthouse contact as much as possible by utilizing available technologies, including electronic filing, teleconferencing, and videoconferencing. *See, e.g.,* MRCrP 1.8(c) (outlining permissible proceedings for “[a]pppearance by interactive audiovisual equipment, including video conferencing”).

2. Judges’ offices or court clerks’ offices shall remain accessible by telephone and email, to the extent possible, during regular business hours. If available, drop boxes should be used for conventionally-filed documents.

3. To the extent that the utilization of remote technologies are prohibited, unavailable, or otherwise infeasible, certain in-person proceedings shall continue to be conducted in all local and state courts including, but not limited to:

a. Jury trials currently in progress.

b. Department of Child Protection Services emergency matters related to child protection.

c. Proceedings directly related to:

(1) Protecting the constitutional rights of all persons;

(2) Habeas corpus;

(3) Emergency child-custody orders;

(4) Relief from abuse and orders of protection;

(5) Mandatory youth court detention hearings for youth held in custody;

(6) Emergency mental-health orders;

(7) Emergency protection of elderly or vulnerable persons;

- (8) Petitions for temporary injunctive relief;
- (9) Issues involving the COVID-19 public-health emergency;
- (10) Obtaining arrest and search warrants, and other proceedings required by law enforcement;
- (11) Ensuring the Mississippi Judiciary has met its constitutional requirements.

d. Any other emergency and time-sensitive matters, in the discretion of individual judges.

4. Each judge is authorized to determine the manner in which necessary in-person proceedings are to be conducted. Any such in-person proceedings shall be limited to attorneys, parties, witnesses, security officers, members of the press, and other necessary persons, as determined by the trial judge.

5. All other in-person proceedings beyond those mandated under Paragraph 3., in all local and state courts, are subject to the Court's prior Emergency Administrative Orders.

6. In the interest of preventing the transmission of COVID-19, personnel should be posted at all public entry points of all courts in the state, and individuals should be prohibited from entry if they have:

- a. In the previous 14 days, visited China, Iran, South Korea, any European countries, or any other high-risk countries identified by the CDC, or traveled on a cruise ship;
- b. Resided with or been in close contact with someone who has been in any of those countries within the previous 14 days;
- c. Traveled domestically within the United States where COVID-19 has sustained widespread community transmission;
- d. Been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency;
- e. Been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been

diagnosed with COVID-19; or

f. A fever, cough or shortness of breath. Individuals may also be screened for fever through use of a digital forehead and/or ear thermometer.

7. A case involving an attorney or party who is ill or in a high-risk category shall be rescheduled.

8. Individuals with legitimate court business who are ill, caring for someone who is ill or in a high-risk category are advised to stay home and request a continuance.

9. Jurors who are ill, caring for someone who is ill, or in a high-risk category shall have their jury service postponed to a later date.

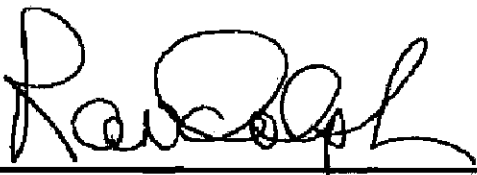
10. Bailiffs should discourage congregating outside courtroom doors and encourage social distancing inside the courtroom.

11. To comply with the CDC's latest guidance, within the discretion of the trial judge, gatherings may be limited to no more than 10 people.

12. This Order may be amended, extended, or otherwise modified, as circumstances may dictate.

SO ORDERED.

DIGITAL SIGNATURE
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Org: SC
Date: 03/20/2020



Michael K. Randolph, Chief Justice

Serial: 230972

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

No. 2020-AD-00001-SCT

**IN RE: EMERGENCY ORDER RELATED TO
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER-6

In prior Emergency Administrative Orders, the Court has recognized that the national and state emergencies created by Coronavirus (COVID-19) require appropriate measures to protect the health and safety of the citizens of this State. Those measures are constantly changing and the Court continues to modify its orders to hinder the spread of COVID-19.

Upon request by the Mississippi Court Reporters Association, the Supreme Court and the Chief Justice, in his capacity as chief administrative officer of all courts in the state, find that any actual or implied requirement that persons qualified to administer an oath in the State of Mississippi, must be in the presence of witnesses for purposes of administering an oath for depositions and other legal testimony be suspended, so long as the qualified person can both see and hear the witness via audio-video communications equipment for purposes of readily identifying the witness.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that all persons qualified to administer an oath in the State of Mississippi may swear a witness remotely by audio-video communication technology from a location within the State of Mississippi, provided they can positively identify the witness.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if a witness is not located within the State of Mississippi, a witness may consent to being put on oath via audio-video communication technology by a person qualified to administer an oath in the State of Mississippi.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all rules of procedure, court orders, and opinions applicable to remote testimony, depositions, and other legal testimony, including the attestation of family law forms, that can be read to limit or prohibit the use of audio-video communications equipment to administer oaths remotely or to witness the attestation of family law forms, are hereby suspended until further order of this Court.

SO ORDERED.

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Org: SC
Date: 03/20/2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randolph", written over a horizontal line.

Michael K. Randolph, Chief Justice

HANDWASHING THE RIGHT WAY

Washing your hands frequently is a powerful way to prevent the spread of disease. Viruses and germs aren't just spread through the air. They can live and be transmitted on the objects and surfaces you touch.

How to Wash

A proper handwashing takes at least 20 seconds — about the time it takes to sing the “Happy Birthday” song twice.

Wet your hands under warm running water before using soap.

Lather up. Apply soap and rub your hands together hard to scrub dirt and germs away.

- Wash hands front and back, and between the fingers.
- Wash around your wrists and under your nails.

Rinse well in warm water.

Dry your hands completely with a clean cloth or paper towel. Thorough drying is important to fully remove dirt and germs.

When to Wash

Wash your hands **before** handling food, eating, applying first aid, putting on contact lenses

Wash your hands **after** using the bathroom, coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose, playing outside, or playing with pets or animals.

Wash your **hands before and after** helping a sick person, going out to public places, or visiting places like nursing homes with many residents.



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

HealthyMS.com

What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

Stay home except to get medical care

You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

Separate yourself from other people and animals in your home

People: As much as possible, you should stay in a specific room and away from other people in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available.

Animals: Do not handle pets or other animals while sick. See [COVID-19 and Animals](#) for more information.

Call ahead before visiting your doctor

If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare provider and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the healthcare provider's office take steps to keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

Wear a facemask

You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) or pets and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who live with you should not stay in the same room with you, or they should wear a facemask if they enter your room.

Cover your coughs and sneezes

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw used tissues in a lined trash can; immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60-95% alcohol covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty.

Avoid sharing personal household items

You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people or pets in your home. After using these items, they should be washed thoroughly with soap and water.

Clean your hands often

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Clean all "high-touch" surfaces every day

High touch surfaces include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables. Also, clean any surfaces that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them. Use a household cleaning spray or wipe, according to the label instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product including precautions you should take when applying the product, such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

Monitor your symptoms

Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., difficulty breathing). **Before** seeking care, call your healthcare provider and tell them that you have, or are being evaluated for, COVID-19. Put on a facemask before you enter the facility. These steps will help the healthcare provider's office to keep other people in the office or waiting room from getting infected or exposed.

Ask your healthcare provider to call the local or state health department. Persons who are placed under active monitoring or facilitated self-monitoring should follow instructions provided by their local health department or occupational health professionals, as appropriate.

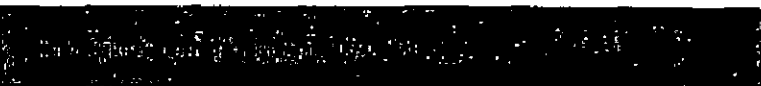
If you have a medical emergency and need to call 911, notify the dispatch personnel that you have, or are being evaluated for COVID-19. If possible, put on a facemask before emergency medical services arrive.

Discontinuing home isolation

Patients with confirmed COVID-19 should remain under home isolation precautions until the risk of secondary transmission to others is thought to be low. The decision to discontinue home isolation precautions should be made on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments.



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Mississippi State Department of Health
570 East Woodrow Wilson - Box 1700 - Jackson, MS 39215-1700

NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION

March 20, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE

JACKSON, Miss. – The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) now recommends that all restaurant and bars suspend dine-in service in order to help slow the spread of COVID-19, effective immediately. This decision is consistent with the social distancing principles from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and in line with actions taken by other states.

This recommendation is for the foreseeable future.

Restaurants may still offer carryout or delivery orders to their customers.

“This will in no way affect gas stations, pharmacies, grocery stores or food marts” said MSDH State Health Officer Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH.

Additionally, the MSDH is recommending that Mississippi residents not attend funerals, weddings, church services or other community or social events with expected attendance of more than 10 people.

Currently, Mississippi has reported 80 positive cases of COVID-19 and one death. A significant increase in positive cases and additional deaths are expected.

Dobbs said that as this virus continues to spread rapidly, prevention has never been more important. Preventive measures Mississippians can take include the following:

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, especially after coughing or sneezing, blowing your nose, and using the bathroom. Effective handwashing takes about 20 seconds, and includes cleaning under fingernails, between fingers, and washing the back of hands as well as the front.
- Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with anyone who is ill.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes. When possible, cough, sneeze or blow your nose into a tissue, and throw the tissue away.
- If you are sick, especially with shortness of breath, severe cough, fever or severe chest pain, call a doctor or healthcare provider for instructions on being safely examined.
- Avoid social gatherings where 10 people or more would come into close contact.
- Practice social distancing: keep at least six feet away from other people in a group.

For more information on prevention measures and the latest guidance, download the free MS Ready mobile app or visit www.HealthyMS.com/covid-19. Follow MSDH by email and social media at www.HealthyMS.com/connect.

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Online: HealthyMS.com facebook.com/HealthyMS twitter.com/msdh

CDC PROTECTS AND PREPARES COMMUNITIES

CDC is aggressively responding to the global outbreak of COVID-19 and community spread in the U.S.

Travel

- Conducts outreach to travelers
- Issues travel notices

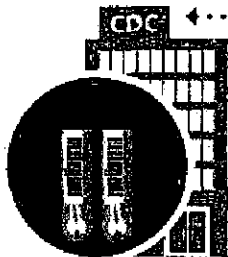


Businesses

- Provides business guidance including recommendations for sick leave policies and continuity of operations

Laboratory and diagnostics

- Develops diagnostic tests
- Confirms all positive test results submitted by states



Schools

- Provides guidance for schools including school closures and online education options



Community members

- Shares information on symptoms and prevention
- Provides information on home care
- Encourages social distancing

Health departments

- Assesses state and local readiness to implement community mitigation measures
- Links public health agencies and healthcare systems

Healthcare professionals

- Develops guidance for healthcare professionals
- Conducts clinical outreach and education



Healthcare systems

- Develops preparedness checklists for health systems
- Provides guidance for PPE supply planning, healthcare system screening, and infection control
- Leverages existing telehealth tools to redirect persons to the right level of care



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County	Plan of Action
Leake	Closed to General public - drive thru only all busines to be conducted via mail, email, phone, online etc
Lauderdale	Closed facilites for 2 days to do complete professional cleaning, staff with non-essential, reevaluate this week
Adams County	Open for Business, installed hand sanitizing areas, cancelled rental of all county buildings
Hinds	County remains open for Business, staffing to essential personle only, county buildings closed for rentals,
Franklin	Closed to public, but open for operations. Notices are posted to public Outlining who to call for what
Lafayette	Closed to public, but all offices are managing with essential staff, phones, emails, county business as normal
Desoto	Closed to public, but open for operations and to answer telephone, emails, take credit card payments for taxes
Lamar	Open to public, but encouraging people to transact business via, mail, email, or telephone
Panola	Closed to public, but open for operations or appointments. Solid waste fees waived, lockbox is provided increased cleaning measures, have provided gloves and protective wear to county employees if they want to use them working
Lee	Courthouse is closed to the public, but offices inside the courthouse are still operational and regular work continues Everyone is working
Simpson	Open, but limiting numbers. They do have teller type windows which does provide added protection
Jones	No events at Community Centers, Maint Dept is hand sanitizing and cleaning more then normal, encouraging employ wash hands, Couny offices are open, posted notices on doors encouraging the public to transact business via email, m or telephone Tax office is using a drop box for payments
Clay	Remained open, notices have been posted on the front doors of Couthouse and Court Complex encouraging people to transact as much as possible via telephone, email, or credit card/debit cards I have posted notice on my FB Page. I know Porsha has too.
Lowdnes	Open to the public, only letting one customer in at a time. Letting attys and staff use vault. Have deputy at door scre traffic

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