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ORDER TO EXTEND EMERGENCY ORDER FOR TEMPORARY CLOSINGS TO ADDITIONAL BUSINESSES

CLEVELAND, MS – Bolivar County has seen a recent spike to twenty-two (22) positive COVID-19 cases, moving Bolivar County into the top 10 of total cases in Mississippi's 82 counties. Therefore, Mayor Billy Nowell is extending the *Emergency Order For Temporary Closings*, originally issued on March 23rd. 2020, to include the following businesses:

Barbershops, Hair Salons (Beauty Shops), Nail Salons, Bowling Alley and Gyms

Such businesses will be required to close by 5:00 PM on April 1st, 2020 and shall remain closed until notified otherwise. We value every business in our community, as each business adds to the vibrant pattern that makes up Cleveland. Your cooperation will assist us in executing measures to protect all of our citizens.

ORDER TO CLOSE CITY-OWNED PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

In addition, after much deliberation, Mayor Nowell has ordered the closure of all City-Owned Parks effective April 1st, 2020 by 5:00 PM. Such closures will limit access to all park facilities, including playgrounds, basketball courts, tennis courts, soccer fields, pavilions, gazebos, piers, etc.

We absolutely cherish the role of our parks within our community. During this time of uncertainty, our parks have served as an outlet for many of us. However, in an effort to protect the precious lives of our citizens, we believe such drastic measure is unfortunately necessary at this time.

As we continue to monitor this everchanging situation, the cooperation of all of us is key. Please know that we are in this together, and we will be stronger as a community as a result of our current circumstances.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Mississippi Department of Health https://msdh.ms.gov/

Paycheck Protection Program for Small Businesses

https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/023595_comm_corona_virus_smallbiz_loan_final_revised.pdf

Unemployment Benefits

https://mdes.ms.gov/unemployment-claims/covid19/update-more-ways-to-file-your-covid-19-claims/

Bolivar County Medical Center

https://www.bolivarmedical.com/