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2013 Mississippi Code

Title 21 - MUNICIPALITIES

Chapter 19 - HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE

§ 21-19-3 - Controlling contagious or infectious diseases; establishing pesthouses

Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, at NOON all restaurants, childcare, daycare, churches, religious venues, parties, cafes, coffee houses, bars, movie showcases, indoor and outdoor performance venues, gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios, and spas shall be closed. Salons and Barbershops can stay open until NOON, March 21, 2020 but if a location is a salon/barbershop and spa, the spa must be closed, and social distancing must be enacted at all times (seating 6 feet apart). Carryout, walk-up, drive-up, and delivery services may still operate with the social distance policy in mind. Restaurants may allow five people inside at a time to pick up orders, as long as they stay six feet apart from each other. All citizens are mandated to stay home to prevent the spread of the said disease unless it is necessary to leave. The exception is but not limited to medical necessity, food, work, childcare, laundry, restaurants that offer takeout or delivery, and other essential services needed. The restrictions will remain in place until April 19, 2020.

This Emergency Order does not apply to office buildings, grocery stores, markets, food pantries, pharmacies, drug stores, and providers of medical equipment and supplies, health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities, warehouse and distribution centers, shelters (must exercise social distancing), and industrial and manufacturing facilities. Nevertheless, the social distance policy of 6 feet distance is in effect for all facilities in the City of Moss Point.

This disease is very challenging for the city and our country, and I must implement policies to protect the safety and welfare of each individual I serve. These are tough decisions, but they are for the common good of the people and much needed. We all must understand that our choices can impact others, so we must be intentional about how we navigate this pandemic. As the superintendent and leader of the City of Moss Point, I am entering this executive order followed by my decision to declare a local emergency to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious or infectious diseases; to make quarantine laws for that purpose, and to enforce the same within five miles of the corporate limits, and to establish pesthouses outside the corporate limits, and to provide for the support and government of the same. Please exercise extreme caution when in public, and avoid the public at all times possible. At its best, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) will impact our city immediately; at its worst, the communal gatherings will continue to allow the mutation of this disease in our country.

Moss Point emergency and critical services will continue unaffected from the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19), and City Hall will remain operational until further notice. Our priority is your safety. Due to the seriousness of this public health menace, we encourage you to follow health professional recommendations to reduce your exposure, including not coming to City Hall. Most city business can be conducted online, by telephone, email, and through the mail.

The City of Moss Point has been using enhanced technology since the enactment of this administration. We are prepared to serve you and assist you in any way necessary, and please do not hesitate to call us at 228-475-0300 or email us at info@cityofmosspoint.org.



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IF YOU ANSWER "YES" TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT ENTER ANY PUBLIC BUILDING TO REDUCE TO MUTATION OF THIS DISEASE. IN ADDITION, REMAIN IN PLACE AND CALL 228-775-8848, 228-475-1711 AND WAIT FOR A FIRST RESPONDER TO ASSIST YOU.

1. Have you had a FEVER OF 100.4 Degrees Fahrenheit within the last 14 days
2. Have you had a cough or shortness of breath
3. Have you had Pneumonia/Flu – since January 15, 2020
4. Have you traveled out of the country in the last 14 days?
5. Have you had contact with anyone who has lab confirmed Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) within 14 days of symptom onset?
6. Have you taken a recent trip on a cruise ship or participated in other settings where crowds are confined to a shared location?

Singing River Health System COVID-19 Hotline (228) 809-5044 for more factual information, please sign up for email alerts on the Singing River Health System website or cityofmosspoint.org and click the Emergency Alert ribbon at the top of the screen.

Thank you for your patience in this matter, we will continue to "Rejuvenate Moss Point" with your support. Thank you for your corporation, and I apologize for any inconvenience.

ENFORCEABLE BY ANY LOCAL, STATE, or FEDERAL AGENCY! All violators of this Emergency Order will be fined at a minimum of \$500.00 per person over the amount.

Thanks,

Mayor Mario King 3/20/2020 (UPDATE)



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In an effort to provide clarification on the Emergency Order, restaurants with drive-thrus **MAY NOT ALLOW ANYONE INSIDE THE RESTAURANT.** The language in the original Order allowing five people inside at a time to pick up orders, as long as they stay six feet apart from each other ONLY applies to restaurants without a drive-thru.

Mayor Mario King

March 20, 2020

Date