

Safer at Home Order:

Effective 8:00 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2020 – 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 11, 2020.

- Business Operations:
 - All businesses and non-profits shall take all reasonable measures to ensure compliance with MSDH and CDC regulations to prevent spread of COVID-19
 - social distancing, sending sick employees home and actively encouraging sick employees to stay home, separating and sending home employees who appear to have respiratory illness symptoms, adopting and enforcing regular and proper hand-washing and personal hygiene protocols and **daily screening of employees and volunteers for COVID-19 related symptoms before beginning shift.**
 - **RETAIL BUSINESSES:**
 - **Limit the number of customers in their store at one time to no greater than 50% of store capacity, frequent cleaning of high-contact surfaces (counters, door handles, credit card machines)**
 - All common areas where employees or customers are likely to gather or interact shall be closed or have strict social distancing protocols enforced
 - Non-essential business travel should be minimized
 - Special accommodations should be made for employees that are part of the vulnerable population to reduce exposure of COVID-19
 - Restaurants and Bars will remain open but limited to DRIVE-THRU, CURBSIDE and/or DELIVERY SERVICE
 - **BUSINESSES THAT REMAIN CLOSED:** amusement parks and rides, museums, playgrounds, children's party and play facilities, all parks including all beaches, lakes and reservoirs (but not including walking trails), movie theaters, bowling alleys, and social clubs
 - Fitness and exercise gyms, dance studios, clubs, tattoo parlors, spas, salons, barber shops, and all other personal care and personal grooming facilities shall remain closed to the public but may continue Minimum Operations limited to retail sales by drive-thru, curbside and/or delivery services
- HEALTHCARE ACTIVITIES:
 - Healthcare professionals and healthcare facilities **may also resume performing non-emergent, elective medical procedures and surgeries**
 - For all in-patient procedures and surgeries, the healthcare facility where the surgery or procedure is performed **must reserve at least 25% of its hospital capacity for treatment of COVID-19 patients,** accounting for the range of clinical severity of COVID-19 patients
 - **Regardless of symptoms, all healthcare professionals and healthcare facilities shall screen all patients for recent illness, travel, fever, or recent exposure to COVID-19,** and to the extent that is possible, begin testing all patients prior to the procedure or surgery consistent with guidance from the Mississippi State Department of Health.

- There shall be no visitors in the healthcare facility except for **one spouse or caregiver who resides with the patient will be allowed into the facility at the time the patient is admitted or discharged.**
- Healthcare professionals and healthcare facilities ***may also resume performing non-emergent, elective dental procedures and surgeries***
- Consistent with Executive Order 1463, ***hospitals, nursing homes and retirement or long-term care facilities shall not allow visitors unless to provide critical assistance, to visit residents receiving imminent end-of-life care, or as otherwise directed by the healthcare facility,*** provided in the professional opinion of the supervising physician or other supervising healthcare professional at such facility that such visit can be accomplished without unreasonable risk to staff or other residents of such facilities. In lieu of in-person visits, electronic visits are encouraged.