

Event Name: MS COVID-19 Influenza Pandemic

Activation Level: Level 2 (Partial Activation)

Hospitals, schools and businesses in Mississippi are taking steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus. As doctors and federal and state officials recommend [social distancing](#) to stop the spread of the virus, all public events are canceled and businesses are telling employees to work from home.

State of Mississippi

- Governor Reeves issued an Executive Order for a Shelter in Place for the entire State of Mississippi. This order is now in effect and will continue through, April 20, 2020, @ 8:00am.
- For more details, see the Shelter-in-Place FAQs [here](#).

City of Jackson

- Shelter in Place order given to be in effect Friday, April 03, 2020, @ at midnight.

Lauderdale County

- Governor Reeves issues a Shelter in Place order effective at 2200 hrs, March 31, 2020. The order will last until April 14, 2020, and will be enforced by state, county and local law enforcement.

Mississippi Department of Human Services

All Mississippi Department of Human Services offices are closed to the public. Programmatic updates may be found on the agency website. <https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/covid-19-updates/>

Stores Offering Senior, Vulnerable Shopping Hours

Note: This is not an all-inclusive list; new additions will be added as needed. Most stores have amended their store hours. To check store hours, contact your nearest store or check their hours online.

- **Costco Wholesale Club** – Tuesdays and Thursdays, members 60 and older can shop from 8 to 9 AM.
- **Dollar General** – Allows shoppers 60 and older to shop one hour before stores open.
- **Kroger** – 7 to 8 AM; Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning 3/23/2020. This is for those 60 and older, expectant mothers, first responders, and those with compromised immune systems.
- **Sam's Club** – Tuesday and Thursdays, from 7 to 9 AM.
- 1. **Target** – Stores will be open from 8 AM to 9 PM with first hour dedicated to the elderly and those with underlying health concerns.
- 2. **Walgreens** – Tuesdays, from 8 to 9 AM, seniors, caregivers, and their immediate families.

3. **Walmart** – Tuesdays, March 24 thru April 28; to occur one hour before stores open to the public – most commonly to be 6 to 7 AM.
- **Whole Foods Market** - Allows shoppers 60 and older to shop one hour before stores open.
- **Winn-Dixie** – 8 to 9 AM, Monday thru Friday.

Other Closures:

- **All driver license stations** are closed to the public except for the nine MHP District Troop Stations across the state until March 31, until which time a reassessment will be made for reopening.
- **Statewide, Casinos** are closed.
- **Outlets of Mississippi** – The outlet mall has closed stores until further notice.
- **Meridian Naval Air Station** has cancelled or postponed all events through May 11.

Jackson City Services:

- City of Jackson Senior Community Centers (*closed until Mar. 31*)
- Early Childhood Development Centers (*closed until Mar. 31*)
- The Department of Public safety announced Saturday that all drivers' License stations are officially closed to the public except for the 9 MHP District Troop Stations across the state until at least March 31. Online services are available.
- Central Mississippi Regional Library System and the Board of Trustees have closed twenty branches in Rankin, Scott, Simpson and Smith Counties and the headquarters office in Brandon to the public until further notice
- Jackson City Hall – Closed to the public until further notice.
- MS Secretary of State Office - Closed to the public until further notice.
- Mississippi State Capitol – Tours suspended until further notice.

Hospitals:

- University of Mississippi Medical Center – Adult patients are not permitted to have visitors except in certain circumstances.
 - Only two entrances will be allowed for visitors: front entrance under the overhang facing State Street near Garage A; and the side entrance to Wiser Hospital for Women and Children.
- Children's of Mississippi – Pediatric patients are allowed only two visitors permitted, must be parents, guardians or caregivers.

Public Universities:

All 8 (eight) Mississippi public universities *have transitioned to online courses through the end of the semester.*

Private College Institutions:

*All private institutions, classes will resume on Monday, March 23, and **will transition to online instruction through the end of the spring semester.***

Community Colleges:

- *Check with your local community college for specific instructions that may be specific to each school.*

Public / Private Schools: Updated 3/30/2020 8:41 a.m.

- All Mississippi K-12 Schools will be closed until April 17, 2020 per the Governor. 214 Schools Closed. 123.3k Students. [Executive Order by the Governor Closing All Public Schools through April 17, 2020](#)

Church Services:

- *Several local churches are live streaming their services via their websites or Facebook groups. Check with your local church to see their plan of providing services during this outbreak.*

Museums:

These museums and attractions will all be closed until further notice.

- Mississippi Museum of Natural Science
- Mississippi Department of Archives and History
- Museum of Mississippi History
- Mississippi Civil Rights Museum
- Eudora Welty House and Garden
- Mississippi Governor's Mansion
- Old Capitol Museum
- William F. Winter Archives and History Building
- Wyatt Waters Gallery
- Walter Anderson Museum of Art
- Grand Village of the Natchez Indians
- Winterville Mounds
- Mississippi Children's Museum
- McComb Railroad Depot Museum
- Vicksburg National Military Park Visitor Center and USS Cairo Museum

Event cancellations:

See your local news source for a full lineup of canceled events.

- Local movie theaters closed until further notice.
- Natchez Spring Pilgrimage has been postponed to an unknown date.
- Fertile Ground 2020 Expo – April 9-11
- Jackson Easter Egg Hunt – April 11
- Tech JXN, April 16-18
- Flipping Out Tumbling Event – April 25
- 21st Annual Komen Metro Jackson Race for the Cure – April 25; postponed, date TBD
- Gounod’s Roméo et Juliette at Thalia Mara Hall – April 25, cancelled
- Hattiesburg Canceled events:
 - Coast Coliseum & Convention Center
 - Upcoming concerts have been rescheduled to October
- City of Ridgeland
 - All organized group activities suspended
- Allie Cat Run and Festival, originally set for Mar. 21, is rescheduled for May 9.

Sporting events cancellations:

- NCAA
- Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC)
- Southeastern Conference (SEC)
- Conference USA
- The South, North, and State Championship Archery In Mississippi Schools (AIMS)
- MAC All Star basketball games are postponed.

Sources:

K-12 Public and Private Schools:

<https://www.mdek12.org/OSOS/School-Closures>

South Mississippi School Closings:

<https://www.wlox.com/2020/03/14/south-mississippi-school-districts-announce-closures/>

Colleges and Community-wide cancellations:

<https://www.wlbt.com/2020/03/13/closures-cancellations-due-growing-concerns-coronavirus-mississippi/>

Mississippi Event Cancellations:

<https://www.jacksonfreepress.com/news/2020/mar/12/event-cancelations-due-covid-19/>

Event Cancellations on the MS Gulf Coast:

<https://www.sunherald.com/news/health/article241060826.html>