



GUIDELINES

# OPENING UP BILOXI AGAIN

**When the governor says  
we're ready to open,  
we want to see these  
guidelines followed**

## We have nothing to fear if we all do the right thing.

Like all of you, I have had to take extraordinary measures in dealing with this unprecedented coronavirus crisis. I am aware of the impact it has had and is continuing to have on our community on so many levels. And, like many of you, I have considered how we responsibly move forward. It must be together.

We have reviewed the White House plan, "Opening Up America Again." We have reviewed the Governor's Executive Orders. Within a framework of the goals of those plans, and with an eye toward safety today and in the future, we are developing guidelines for "Opening Up Biloxi Again."

The other day, I equated our situation to the tried-and-true advice from the family doctor: Just because you are feeling well, don't quit taking the medicine. Take the entire prescription so you won't have a recurrence.

This disease is still out there. The concern is that it spreads quickly, and the fear is, "Is it safe to venture out into the community?"

A great deal of what happens now is going to be up to us. As a government, we develop protocols, based on good information, on how to keep this disease in check as we move forward. As a community, we have kept the curve flattened so as not to overwhelm our health care network. I say thank you to the 99 percent of you who have taken the appropriate, suggested, and, in some cases required, safeguards.

But new cases are discovered every day, locally and statewide. You as a citizen need to be aware of and abide by these protocols. Business owners are responsible for making sure that you follow these protocols. If you don't, you could threaten the public health of this community.

It's going to take a concerted effort. There is no need for fear, but there is understandable concern. Everyone is capable of making good decisions. I'm asking you to follow these protocols and do the right thing.

In closing, as your Mayor, I want to express my appreciation for the prayers, the good thoughts and the feedback I have received from many of you. I continue to be proud of my city and I look forward to continuing to move forward in a responsible manner.

God bless you and God bless Biloxi.

"FoFo" Gilich



Mayor Andrew  
"FoFo" Gilich



Many businesses are awaiting the governor's approval to re-open. This document **does not open any businesses, except for those already outlined by the governor.** These guidelines are what we expect to see in Biloxi when the approval is given to re-open. We expect all businesses and customers to adhere to these guidelines if they are to do business in Biloxi. Do business, but do it safely.

# Guidelines for opening up Biloxi again

## A key factor: Contact tracing.

One common thread among all types of businesses is that the business have a mechanism to have a record of customers – by date and time, and phone number. This is necessary because if a future positive test is reported, federal and state agencies can more quickly determine the source and notify those who may have been impacted. This contact tracing is most efficiently accomplished with a digital record where customer enters name, contact information and time/date at the establishment. The city is not collecting information, but it should be available if needed by public health agencies.

### Restaurants & Bars

Open Thursday, May 7;  
follow guidelines below

- Sign at entrance: Persons with symptoms not allowed
- Encourage outdoor dining, if available
- Limit customers to those who can be distanced by 6 feet
- Number of customers should not exceed 50% of occupancy capacity
- Outdoor waiting area marked to show social distancing limits
- One member per party in waiting area
- Tables limited to six guests
- Employees with symptoms not allowed to work (temperature taken when arrive at work)
- Employees will wear gloves and face covering
- Point-of-sale equipment spaced six feet; area and equipment frequently cleaned and sanitized
- High-customer contact area cleaned and sanitized frequently
- Non-cash payment recommended (debit or credit cards if possible)
- Provide contact tracing information as needed by health agencies

### Retail

Open with  
limitations below

- Sign at entrance: Persons with symptoms not allowed
- Limit number of individuals in store to 50% of occupancy or eight per 1,000 square feet
- Customers encouraged to use hand sanitizer when entering
- Employees with symptoms not allowed to work
- Employees should wear a mask/face covering
- Sales registers at least six feet apart
- Point-of-sale equipment and area frequently cleaned and sanitized
- Non-cash payments recommended
- Entrances and exits will be separated if at all possible
- Provide contact tracing information as needed by health agencies

**Persons  
with symptoms  
not allowed**



**Sanitize  
frequently**



**50% Occupancy**



## Barber shops **Not open; awaiting governor's OK**

- Owner of shop responsible that all operators in shop follow guidelines if shop is to open
- Service by appointment only; no walk ins
- Customers sanitize hands when entering
- Sign at entrance: Persons with symptoms not allowed
- One customer per barber in shop; no waiting area.
- Barber stations separated by six feet
- Disposable capes recommended
- No beverages served
- Barbers must wear gloves (when not cutting hair), and must wear face masks
- Customers may be asked to complete health care questionnaire
- Non-cash payment recommended
- Provide contact tracing information as needed by health agencies

## Hair salons/nail salons **Not open; awaiting governor's OK**

- Owner of salon/shop responsible that all operators in shop follow guidelines if shop is to open
- Service by appointment only; no walk ins
- Customers sanitize hands when entering
- Sign at entrance: Persons with symptoms not allowed
- One customer per stylist/technician in shop; no waiting area
- Stylist/Technician stations separated by six feet; occupancy of no more than eight persons per 1,000 square feet
- Stylists/Technicians must wear gloves (when not cutting hair), and must wear face masks
- No blow drying
- Disposable capes recommended
- No beverages served
- Customers may be asked to complete health care questionnaire
- Non-cash payment recommended
- Provide contact tracing information as needed by health agencies
- Must follow State Cosmetology board guidelines

## Churches **Online recommended; Guidelines below when OK'd**

- Sign at entrance: Persons with symptoms not allowed
- Limit number of participants to 50% of occupancy or 8 per 1,000 square feet; otherwise, add additional service times.
- Sanitize hands when entering
- Encourage elderly or at-risk persons not to attend
- Follow social distancing guidelines
- Sanitize entry and exit areas and other high-traffic, high-contact areas
- Discourage pre- and post-service gatherings
- Provide contact tracing information as needed by health agencies

## Gym/fitness facilities **Not open; awaiting governor's OK**

- Sign at entrance: Persons with symptoms not allowed
- Customer limit to 50% of occupancy
- Separate exercise equipment by six feet
- Regular cleaning of exercise equipment and area
- Customers encouraged to clean equipment after use
- No waiting inside facility/gym
- Customers should wear masks/face coverings or gloves
- No food or beverages served
- Provide contact tracing information as needed by health agencies



**No Walk-Ins**



**Sanitize hands when entering.**



**Elderly and at-risk persons should not attend gatherings. Stay home.**



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## Medical, dental and health care

Open, with guidelines below.  
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- Staff educated and trained on appropriate use and disposal of PPE
- Staff screened for symptoms daily
- Waiting rooms limited to one healthy, symptom-free person per patient if necessary (parent with child, caregiver with patients having disabilities, etc.); otherwise, persons accompanying patients wait in car
- Patients screened upon arrival for symptoms
- All staff and physicians wear mask/face covering and perform regular hand hygiene
- Office cleaned and disinfected frequently
- Exam rooms cleaned and disinfected after each appointment
- Routine follow-ups on stable conditions and reporting of test results done via telemedicine
- Medical or dental instruments disposed of or sterilized after each patient
- Patient chairs sterilized after each patient
- Non-cash payment encouraged
- Provide contact tracing information as needed by health agencies
- Telemedicine encouraged

## Close-contact services (Tattoo, massage, etc.)

Not open; awaiting  
governor's OK

- All disposable material and supplies used and disposed of according to Mississippi State Department of Health standards
- Service by appointment only; no walk ins
- Employees must wear PPE (mask/face covering and gloves), and tested daily for symptoms
- Sign at entrance: Persons with symptoms not allowed
- No waiting area; customers wait in car until called
- Customers complete a health care consent form (recent travel, symptoms, etc.)
- Provide contact tracing information as needed by health agencies

## Hotels

Non-casino open,  
with guidelines below

- Sign at entrance: No one with symptoms allowed
- Sanitation stations at all entrances, and in the hallways on every floor (at elevators and stairwells)
- All employees required to wear masks and gloves
- Plexiglass shield at front desk between guest and staff
- Point-of-sale equipment area and equipment frequently cleaned and sanitized
- Point-of-sale equipment terminals reversed to allow guest to use their cards to operate
- Registered guests should also submit names of all room occupants
- Guests in common areas – including hallways, elevators, etc. – must be separated by six feet
- Signage at elevator entrances and inside elevators restricting riders to a maximum of 3 at any time, who must maintain an inverted “v” (i.e. One person in the front at the controls, 2nd person on the other side of the front, and 3rd person in the middle of the back). Signage may also remind guests to operate buttons with the top of their knuckles or wrist, and sanitize hands upon exiting. Signage may also suggest that guests consider utilizing stairways as an alternative, while maintaining social distancing, incorporating the landings when intercepting oncoming stair traffic.
- Common areas cleaned and sanitized frequently
- Upon guest checkout, room is cleaned and sanitized
- Provide contact tracing information as needed by health agencies