

IN THE CITY OF BILOXI  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HARRISON COUNTY  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

**SEVENTH EMERGENCY MAYORAL PROCLAMATION OF  
EXECUTIVE ORDER DATED MAY 29, 2020 REGARDING NECESSARY  
EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE CITY OF  
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF THE  
GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1491 AND 1492**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with authority vested in me by Mississippi Law, including, but not limited to, Miss. Code Ann. § 45-17-1, et seq. and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-17, et seq., as amended, and in the public interest of the City of Biloxi, and to safeguard and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and for the protection of life and property, I issued an Executive Order on March 31, 2020, entitled "Second Emergency Mayoral Proclamation of Executive Order Dated March 31, 2020, Regarding the Curtailment of Exposure to COVID-19 in the City of Biloxi," which was adopted by the governing authorities of the City of Biloxi pursuant to Resolution 210-20; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Mississippi's "Emergency Management Act" (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 33-15-1, et seq.), the Governor of the State of Mississippi issued "Executive Order No. 1466" on Friday, April 3, 2020, wherein he placed a "Shelter in Place" Order in effect for the State of Mississippi which was later modified by Executive Order 1473, and later modified by Executive Order 1477 ("Safer-at-Home") and which has been subsequent by modified by Executive Orders 1480, 1486, 1487, and 1488; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Executive Order No. 1466 previously stated and recognized that, with limited restriction, local governments, such as the City of Biloxi, may adopt and issue orders, rules, regulations, and resolutions and take actions "that are more strict" than those set out in Executive Order No. 1466; and

**WHEREAS**, although by social distancing and adherence to CDC Guidelines, Harrison County has made progress in "flattening the curve", all citizens should continue to use common sense, wash their hands, and avoid close contact with others; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of what I have found to be a continued need to address COVID-19 in the City of Biloxi, and in response to the Governor's Executive Order No. 1491 and 1492 and in recognition of the findings set out therein as well as the rationale for ongoing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19, which I find are still needed and required in the City of Biloxi, I find that there is need for issuance of a further Emergency Mayoral Proclamation to preserve and protect life, property, and good order as well as to safeguard and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

**THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Mississippi Law, including, but not limited to, Miss. Code Ann. § 45-17-1, et seq. and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-17, et seq., as amended, and in the public interest of the City of Biloxi, and to safeguard and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and for the protection and preservation of life and property and good order, I do hereby issue this Seventh Emergency Mayoral Proclamation of Executive Order of May 29, 2020 (also referred to as “Proclamation”) as set out herein.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Governor’s Executive Order No. 1491 and 1492 (attached as Exhibit “A”) are hereby adopted and incorporated as my “Seventh Emergency Mayoral Proclamation of Executive Order” for the City of Biloxi and to take effect at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020.

It is further,

**ORDERED**, that all city buildings shall resume normal operation at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020. It is further,


**ORDERED** that this Proclamation of Executive Order shall be: (1) filed with the City Clerk; (2) distributed to the news media and other organizations reasonably calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; and (3) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Proclamation of Executive Order. It is further,

**ORDERED** that violations of this Proclamation of Executive Order may be subject to misdemeanor prosecution in accordance with, including, but not limited to, Miss. Code Ann. § 45-17-9, as amended, § 13-1-15 of the City’s Code of Ordinances, and, to the extent applicable, Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-43, as amended, as well as other state laws and provisions in the City’s Code of Ordinances. It is further,

**ORDERED** that, this Seventh Emergency Mayoral Proclamation of Executive Order shall be, and hereby is, effective at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020, and shall remain in effect until amended, rescinded, or superseded by another applicable Mayoral Proclamation or Executive Order, or Resolution, or the termination of the current (and ongoing) State of Emergency related to this pandemic issued by the City of Biloxi, whichever shall occur first.

THIS, the 29th day of May, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

  
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MAYOR A.M. GILICH, JR.  
CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

ATTEST:  
  
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CITY CLERK  
CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI



## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1491

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17), I issued a Proclamation declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning on January 27, 2020, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a nationwide state of emergency due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and Mississippi significantly impact the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2020, the Mississippi State Department of Health announced new and expanded measures to increase testing and data analysis to identify regions and localities that are at higher risk for transmission of COVID-19 and to provide more location-specific restrictions and limitation of movement and social interaction to combat the virus in those regions and localities; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2020, in order to minimize the risk of possible further transmission of COVID-19 and related measures, I issued Executive Order No. 1466 instituting a statewide Shelter in Place effective at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020, and remaining in full force and effect until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2020, I issued Executive Order 1473 extending the statewide Shelter in Place, with certain additional exceptions, until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the guidance provided by the White House for beginning the process of reopening the economy while minimizing the risk of a resurgence of COVID-19, the incidences of infection in Mississippi have stabilized; there is decreased utilization of hospital resources; a robust testing system is in place capable of promptly detecting any increase in the rate of infection; the healthcare system is capable of treating persons with COVID-19 and has the capacity to promptly react to any increase in incidences; and the State has in place a plan to rapidly scale up healthcare capacity in the event of an increase in the rate of infection; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi must protect lives while restoring livelihoods, both of which can be achieved with the expert advice of medical professionals and business leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 24, 2020, I issued Executive Order 1477 establishing the statewide Safer at Home order allowing certain businesses to open and operate under certain conditions, until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 8, 2020, I issued Executive Order 1480 extending Executive Order 1477 as amended extending the Safer at Home order until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 22, 2020, I issued Executive Order 1488 further extending the Safer at Home order until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, continuing to follow a measured and strategic plan to reopen the economy is essential to the health, safety, and well-being of Mississippi residents, and in consultation with the State Health Officer, there are certain additional business operations and other activities that can safely resume under the limitations set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, and in consultation with the State Health Officer do hereby order and direct as follows:

- I. Paragraph II(p) of Executive Order 1487 is amended to allow outdoor sports complexes and multi-field complexes to open in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Mississippi State Department of Health for organized youth sports and subject to the following limitations:
  - a. Team organized practices are permitted subject to the following limitations:
    - i. League organizers and/or coaches are responsible for providing a copy of this Executive Order to all players and their parent(s)/guardian(s) prior to resuming team organized practices.
    - ii. Each player shall be screened by a coach prior to entering the field for practice. Such screening shall include the following questions, and any player answering any question in the affirmative shall be sent home:
      - Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
      - Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
      - Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
      - Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
      - Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
    - iii. Players and their parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be required to report any symptoms of COVID-19 to the coach, and any player that exhibits any of the symptoms of COVID-19 during practice shall be sent home immediately and advised to consult with their physician.
    - iv. Park personnel, volunteers and coaches shall ensure social distancing is maintained between players during practice as much as possible.
    - v. Players and coaches shall sanitize their hands before entering the field for practice and after practice.
    - vi. Dugouts shall not be used during practice. Players' bags and equipment shall be lined up against the fence at least 6 feet apart.
    - vii. Parents must remain in their cars during practice.
    - viii. Players should use their own equipment, and any shared equipment shall be sanitized by the coach before and after each practice.
    - ix. Players shall bring their own water/beverages and snacks. Shared drinking fountains, coolers and snacks are prohibited.
  - b. Team organized games are permitted subject to the following limitations:
    - i. Tournament or league organizers and/or coaches are responsible for providing a copy of this Executive Order to all teams and each player and their parent(s)/guardian(s) prior to resuming organized games.
    - ii. The combined number of players and coaches participating in a game on a field and fans around the field watching the game shall not exceed 100 people.
    - iii. Each player shall be screened by a coach prior to entering the field for a game. Such screening shall include the following questions, and any player answering any question in the affirmative shall be sent home:
      - Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
      - Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
      - Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
      - Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
      - Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
    - iv. Players and their parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be required to report any symptoms of COVID-19 to the coach, and any player that exhibits any of the symptoms of COVID-19 during a game shall be sent home immediately and advised to consult with their physician.
    - v. Coaches shall ensure social distancing is maintained between players as much as possible.

- vi. Players and coaches shall sanitize their hands before entering the field for a game and after each game.
- vii. For the safety of the players, dugouts may be used during games. To the extent possible, players shall social distance while in the dugout.
- viii. Players should use their own equipment, and any shared equipment shall be sanitized by the coach before and after each game.
- ix. Players shall bring their own water/beverage and snacks. Shared drinking fountains, coolers and snacks are prohibited.
- x. Concession stands shall remain closed.
- xi. Notwithstanding park or tournament rules, players and fans shall be allowed to bring to the field/complex personal coolers containing water/beverages and snacks for their personal use.
- xii. Post-game interaction between teams such as handshakes, high five, etc. is prohibited. Coaches and tournament organizers are encouraged to develop other distance appropriate measures to show good sportsmanship.
- xiii. When a game ends, the teams leaving the field shall sanitize the dugout area and the party responsible for sanitizing the dugout area shall be established before the game commences.
- xiv. No post-game talks at the field are permitted. Fans and players shall immediately leave the field and return to their cars.
- xv. Fan attendance shall be limited to two household members of each player on the field.
- xvi. A sign shall be posted at all points of entry and at each field mandating that fans shall maintain at all times a minimum of six feet of separation from persons not in their household.
- xvii. The use of bleachers for fans is prohibited. Fans must bring their own chairs or stand. Fans from different households shall maintain a distance of 6 feet of separation.
- xviii. Fans are encouraged to wear a face covering, covering their nose and mouth, while attending games.
- xix. Every league, tournament, event or facility shall have a dedicated Safety Officer to ensure that all elements of social distancing are enforced. The Safety Officer shall have sufficient staff to ensure that strict social distancing is observed by all players, coaches and fans at all times.
- xx. Fans for upcoming games must remain in their cars until the teams and fans from the preceding game have exited from and around the field.

II. Paragraph I(h)(viii) of Executive Order 1477 is amended to allow movie theaters and auditoriums (collectively, "theaters") to open subject to the following limitations:

- a. Prior to resuming operations, the theater, including areas not open to the public, shall be deep cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized.
- b. Pursuant to Paragraph I(h)(ii) of Executive Order 1477, theaters shall make reasonable, good-faith efforts to comply with the Mississippi State Department of Health's and CDC's regulations and guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including, but not limited to: social distancing; sending sick employees home; 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 for COVID-19 related symptoms before beginning their shift.
- c. Prior to resuming operations, the theater shall ensure that the ventilation system is operating properly. For HVAC systems, filtration up to SARS-CoV-2 standards is recommended. Regular and frequent cleaning of HVAC intakes and returns is required.
- d. Theaters shall conduct a daily screening of all employees at the beginning of their shift. Such daily screening shall include the following questions, and any employee answering any question in the affirmative shall be sent home:
  - Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
  - Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?



- Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
  - Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
  - Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
- e. All employees shall be required to report any symptoms of COVID-19 to their supervisor, and any employee who exhibits any of the symptoms of COVID-19 during their shift shall be sent home immediately and advised to consult with their physician.
  - f. All employees shall be provided training regarding minimizing the spread of COVID-19, including reinforcement of proper sanitation, hand washing, cough and sneeze etiquette, and using PPE.
  - g. Appropriate PPE shall be worn by all employees based on their duties and responsibilities and in adherence to state and local regulations and guidelines. Every employee who comes into direct contact with customers shall be provided a face covering, covering the nose and mouth, and required to wear the face covering while on duty. Such face coverings shall be cleaned or changed at least daily.
  - h. The use of technology solutions to minimize person-to-person contact is encouraged, including online ticket purchasing and contactless payment.
  - i. Signage shall be posted at each entrance stating no customer with a fever or other symptom of COVID-19 is permitted in the movie theater.
  - j. Customers are encouraged to wear a face covering, covering nose and mouth, while inside the movie theater.
  - k. Showtimes shall be staggered to allow ample time for staff to clean and disinfect between shows/events and prevent customers from congregating in lobbies.
  - l. Ticket sales shall be limited to 50% of the seating capacity of the theater.
  - m. Social distancing (of a minimum of six feet) shall be observed at all points of sale and in waiting lines. Theaters shall train employees to insure that social distancing is observed and to discourage congregating in common spaces like lobbies, hallways, and restrooms.
  - n. Theaters are encouraged to develop new procedures for concession sales and pickup to minimize person-to-person contact such as grab-and-go options and single use utensils and condiments.
  - o. Movie theater auditoriums shall be cleaned and disinfected between shows.
  - p. All high-touch areas, including all door handles and counters shall be sanitized, at a minimum, once every two hours.
  - q. Hand sanitizer shall be placed at all points of entry and exit, as well as in concession areas.
  - r. Tables in any seated dining/party area shall be rearranged to ensure a minimum of six feet separation between tables. Seating shall be limited to a maximum of six guests per table.

III. Paragraph I(h)(viii) of Executive Order 1477 is amended to allow libraries and museums to open subject to the following limitations:

- a. Prior to resuming operations, the library/museum, including areas not open to the public, shall be deep cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized.
- b. Pursuant to Paragraph I(h)(ii) of Executive Order 1477, libraries/museums shall make reasonable, good-faith efforts to comply with the Mississippi State Department of Health's and CDC's regulations and guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including, but not limited to: social distancing; sending sick employees home; 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 for COVID-19 related symptoms before beginning their shift.
- c. Libraries/museums shall conduct a daily screening of all employees at the beginning of their shift. Such daily screening shall include the following questions, and any employee answering any question in the affirmative shall be sent home:

- Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
  - Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
  - Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
  - Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
  - Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
- d. All employees shall be required to report any symptoms of COVID-19 to their supervisor, and any employee who exhibits any of the symptoms of COVID-19 during their shift shall be sent home immediately and advised to consult with their physician.
  - e. All employees shall be provided training regarding minimizing the spread of COVID-19, including reinforcement of proper sanitation, hand washing, cough and sneeze etiquette, and using PPE.
  - s. Appropriate PPE shall be worn by all employees based on their duties and responsibilities and in adherence to state and local regulations and guidelines. Every employee who comes into direct contact with guests shall be provided a face covering, covering the nose and mouth, and required to wear the face covering while on duty. Such face coverings shall be cleaned or changed at least daily.
  - f. The use of technology solutions to minimize person-to-person contact is encouraged, including online ticket purchasing, contactless payment and self-checkout.
  - g. Signage shall be posted at each entrance stating no customer with a fever or other symptom of COVID-19 is permitted in the library/museum.
  - h. Guests are encouraged to wear a face covering, covering nose and mouth, while inside the library/museum.
  - i. The number of guests in the library/museum shall be limited to no greater than 50% of maximum capacity.
  - j. Social distancing (of a minimum of six feet) shall be observed throughout the library/museum.
  - k. Employees shall be trained to insure that social distancing is observed and to discourage congregating in common spaces.
  - l. Tables shall be rearranged to ensure a minimum of six feet of separation between tables. Seating at each table shall be limited to a maximum of six guests.
  - m. All high-touch areas shall be sanitized, at a minimum, once every two hours.
  - n. Hand sanitizer shall be placed at all points of entry and exit, as well as in concession areas.
  - o. Group tours and activities shall be limited to a maximum of twenty guests.
  - p. Museum cafes may resume food services subject to the limitations on in-house dining in Paragraph I(a) and its subparts of Executive Order 1478.

- IV. This Executive Order shall take effect at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020, and shall remain in effect until it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the \_\_\_\_ day of May, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

MICHAEL WATSON  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1492**

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17), I issued a Proclamation declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning on January 27, 2020, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a nationwide state of emergency due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and Mississippi significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2020, the Mississippi State Department of Health announced new and expanded measures to increase testing and data analysis to identify regions and localities that are at higher risk for transmission of COVID-19 and to provide more location-specific restrictions and limitation of movement and social interaction to combat the virus in those regions and localities; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2020, in order to minimize the risk of possible further transmission of COVID-19 and related measures, I issued Executive Order No. 1466 instituting a statewide Shelter in Place effective at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020, and remaining in full force and effect until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2020, I issued Executive Order 1473 extending the statewide Shelter in Place, with certain additional exceptions, until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the guidance provided by the White House for beginning the process of re-opening the economy while minimizing the risk of a resurgence of COVID-19, as of April 24, 2020, the incidences of infection in Mississippi had stabilized; there was decreased utilization of hospital resources; a robust testing system was in place capable of promptly detecting any increase in the rate of infection; the healthcare system was capable of treating persons with the COVID-19 and had the capacity to promptly react to any increase in incidences; and the State had in place a plan to rapidly scale up healthcare capacity in the event of an increase in the rate of infection, accordingly, I issued Executive Order 1477 establishing the statewide Safer at Home order allowing certain businesses to open and operate under certain conditions, until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 8, 2020, I issued Executive Order 1480 extending the Safer at Home order as amended allowing certain additional businesses to open and operate under certain conditions, until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 22, 2020, I issued Executive Order 1488 further extending the Safer at Home order until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the guidance provided by the White House, during the course of the Safer at Home order Mississippi has seen no evidence of a spike in the number of COVID-19 cases; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi must protect lives while restoring livelihoods, both of which can be achieved with the expert advice of medical professionals and business leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, a measured and strategic plan to reopen the economy is essential to the health, safety and well-being of Mississippi residents, and in consultation with the State Health Officer, Mississippi can resume further recreational, business and healthcare activities under the limitations set for herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby order and direct as follows:

I. Safe Return Order

- a. **Duration:** This Safe Return Order to restart the economy and resume community activities safely shall be effective at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020, and shall remain in full force and effect until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020, unless rescinded, modified or extended.
- b. **Safer at Home:** All vulnerable individuals, including all elderly individuals (age 65 or older per CDC guidelines) and individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune systems are compromised as such by chemotherapy for cancer or any other condition requiring such therapy, are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and, if leaving the home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation.
- c. **Group Gatherings (Social Distancing IS NOT Possible):** Public and private social gatherings and recreational activities shall be limited to groups of no more than 20 people in a single indoor space or groups of no more than 50 people in an outdoor space where individuals are in close proximity (less than 6 feet) to each other.
- d. **Group Gatherings (Social Distancing IS Possible):** Except as otherwise provided, public and private social gatherings and recreational activities shall be limited to groups of no more than 50 people in a single indoor space or groups of no more than 100 people in an outdoor space where individuals are able to maintain a minimum of 6 feet separation.
- e. **Travel:** All travel may resume. Non-essential business travel should be minimized, and for any such travel individuals should adhere to CDC guidelines regarding isolation following travel.
- f. **Business Operations:** All businesses and non-profit entities operating within the State of Mississippi may re-open/remains open subject to the following limitations to minimize person to person interactions and associated risk of transmission of COVID-19:
  - i. Consistent with Executive Orders 1458 and 1463, businesses and non-profits are encouraged to continue utilizing work from home or other telework procedures.
  - ii. Businesses and non-profit entities shall make reasonable, good-faith efforts to comply with the Mississippi State Department of Health's and CDC's regulations and guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, 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.
  - iii. All employees shall be required to report any symptoms of COVID-19 to their supervisor, and any employee who exhibits any of the symptoms of COVID-19 during their shift shall be sent home immediately and advised to consult with their physician.
  - iv. Retail businesses shall adopt reasonable, good-faith measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to, limiting the number of customers in their stores at one time to no greater than 50% of store capacity in order to ensure compliance with social distancing protocols, and frequent cleaning of high-contact surfaces (such as retail counters, door handles, credit card machines). Retail

businesses are encouraged to make hand sanitizer available to their customers upon entry of their stores.

- v. To the extent possible, all common areas where employees or customers are likely to congregate and interact shall be closed or strict social distancing protocols should be enforced (maintaining a minimum of 6 feet distance between individuals and no gatherings in groups of more than 20 people).
- vi. Restaurants and bars shall continue to offer in-house (indoor or outdoor) dining pursuant to the limitations in Paragraph I(a) and its subparts of Executive Order 1478, as amended by Paragraph I of Executive Order 1486.
- vii. Paragraph I(a)(xii) of Executive Order 1478 is amended to permit bars that do not serve food to re-open subject to the limitations on restaurants and bars in Paragraph I(a) and its subparts of Executive Order 1478, including limiting the number of customers to 50% of maximum capacity and setting hours of operation to close to the public no later than 10:00 p.m.
- viii. Paragraph I(a)(xii) of Executive Order 1478 is amended to permit restaurants and bars to have live music. There shall be a minimum of 12 feet of separation between the musicians and restaurant/bar customers. It shall be the responsibility of the restaurant and/or bar to maintain social distancing between customers while live music is being performed.
- ix. Salons, barber shops, spas, massage parlors, and other personal care and personal grooming facilities shall continue to operate pursuant to the limitations in Paragraph I(a) and its subparts of Executive Order 1480.
- x. Tattoo parlors (including body piercing) shall continue to operate pursuant to the limitations in Paragraph II and its subparts of Executive Order 1486.
- xi. Fitness centers and exercise gyms shall continue to operate pursuant to the limitations in Paragraph I(b) and its subparts of Executive Order 1480.
- xii. Dance studios shall continue to operate pursuant to the limitations in Paragraph III of Executive Order 1486.
- xiii. Libraries and museums shall operate pursuant to the limitations in Paragraph III of Executive Order 1491.
- xiv. Movie theaters and auditoriums shall operate pursuant to the limitations in Paragraph II of Executive Order 1491.

**g. Healthcare Activities:**

- i. Healthcare professionals and healthcare facilities may continue to perform all procedures that are medically necessary to correct a serious medical condition of, or to preserve the life of, a patient who without immediate performance of the surgery or procedure would be at risk for serious adverse medical consequences or death.
- ii. Healthcare professionals and healthcare facilities may continue to perform all non-emergent, elective medical procedures and surgeries, as clinically appropriate, in accordance with the guidance provided by the Mississippi State Department of Health, including the following:
  - 1. Every effort should continue to be made to deliver care without being in the same physical space, such as utilizing telehealth, phone consultations, and physical barriers between providers and patients.
  - 2. 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.
  - 3. The non-emergent elective medical procedure or surgery should require the use of minimal disposable personal protective equipment, and the healthcare professional and healthcare facility will not request any personal protective equipment from any public source, whether federal, state or local, for the duration of the COVID-19 disaster in order to perform such procedure or surgery.
  - 4. 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.

5. To the extent possible pre-procedure and pre-surgery COVID-19 screening shall occur outside of the facility, and waiting rooms and common areas shall limit capacity and seating to ensure social distancing (maintaining a minimum of 6 feet distance between individuals).
  6. 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.
- iii. Healthcare professionals and healthcare facilities may continue performing non-emergent, elective dental procedures and surgeries, as clinically appropriate and in accordance with the guidelines established by the Mississippi State Department of Health including conserving disposable personal protective equipment.
  - iv. Consistent with Paragraph 1(c) of 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, to visit maternity patients 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.
- h. **Outdoor Recreational Activities:** Except as otherwise provided herein, outdoor recreational activities are permitted, subject to any limitations and restrictions as may be imposed by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks or local authorities:
- i. Where possible, individuals shall maintain social distancing of a minimum of six feet separation between each individual.
  - ii. Group gatherings/activities shall be limited pursuant to Paragraphs I(c) and (d) of this Executive Order.
  - iii. State parks, municipal parks, and private parks may continue to be open to the public subject to any limitations or restrictions established by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks or local authorities.
  - iv. Beaches, state park lakes, state lakes and reservoirs shall continue to remain open subject to the limitations in Paragraph I(b) and its subparts of Executive Order 1473.
  - v. Paragraph I(b)(iv) of Executive Order 1473 is amended to allow beaches and sandbars located in the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District (PRVWSD) to open subject to the regulations issued by the PRVWSD provided such regulations require at a minimum adherence to strict social distancing (maintaining a minimum of 6 feet distance between individuals), subject to group gathering limitations herein, and adherence to the most recent regulations or guidelines issued by the MSDH and CDC. Beaches and sandbars associated with state lakes shall remain closed.
  - vi. Recreational boating and fishing is permissible subject to the limitations in Paragraph I(b) and its subparts of Executive Order 1473. Fishing tournaments are permitted subject to the limitations in Paragraph V or Executive Order 1486.
  - vii. Pools may continue to be open to the public between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. subject to group gathering limitations herein and any limitations or restrictions as may be imposed by local authorities.
  - viii. Outdoor sports complexes and multi-field facilities may operate subject to the limitations in Paragraph I and its subparts of Executive Order 1491.
  - ix. School weight rooms and training facilities may continue to be open to students in accordance with the limitations placed on gyms pursuant to Paragraph I(b) and its subparts of Executive Order 1480. Outdoor practices may continue, subject to the rules and regulations of the governing athletic associations, and in accordance with the limitations of subsections (i) and (ii) above.
  - x. Outdoor places of amusement and recreation, including amusement parks and rides, waterparks, go-cart tracks, mini golf and playgrounds may continue to be open to the public subject to the limitations in Paragraph II and its subparts of Executive Order 1487.

- i. ***Indoor Recreational and Places of Amusement:*** Except as otherwise provided herein, indoor places of amusement, including children's party and play facilities, playgrounds, trampoline facilities, bowling alleys, roller skating rinks, arcades, and social clubs (collectively "indoor places of amusement") may open subject to the following limitations:
- i. Prior to resuming operations, the indoor place of amusement, including areas not open to the public, shall be deep cleaned, disinfected and sanitized.
  - ii. Indoor places of amusement shall make reasonable, good-faith efforts to comply with the Mississippi State Department of Health's and CDC's regulations and guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, 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.
  - iii. Indoor places of amusement shall conduct a daily screening of all employees at the beginning of their shift. Such daily screening shall include the following questions, and any employee answering any question in the affirmative shall be sent home:
    1. Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
    2. Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
    3. Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
    4. Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
    5. Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
  - iv. All employees shall be required to report any symptoms of COVID-19 to their supervisor, and any employee who exhibits any of the symptoms of COVID-19 during their shift shall be sent home immediately and advised to consult with their physician.
  - v. All employees shall be provided training regarding minimizing the spread of COVID-19, including reinforcement of proper sanitation, hand washing, cough and sneeze etiquette, and using PPE.
  - vi. Break rooms shall be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized, and the number of employees in the break room shall be limited to allow for strict social distancing (a minimum of six feet between employees and no gathering of more than ten employees).
  - vii. Appropriate PPE shall be worn by all employees based on their duties and responsibilities and in adherence to state and local regulations and guidelines. Every employee who comes into direct contact with customers shall be provided a face covering, covering the nose and mouth, and shall be required to wear the face covering while on duty. Such face coverings shall be cleaned or changed at least daily.
  - viii. Signage shall be posted at each entrance stating no customer with a fever or other symptom of COVID-19 is permitted in the indoor place of amusement.
  - ix. Customers shall be screened for illness prior to their entry into the indoor place of amusement.
  - x. The number of customers in the indoor place of amusement at one time shall be no greater than 50% of maximum capacity to ensure compliance with social distancing protocols.
  - xi. Hand sanitizer shall be available to their customers at all points of entry and exit and throughout the indoor place of amusement.
  - xii. All equipment, machines and games shall be rearranged to ensure at least six feet of separation between customers.
  - xiii. Roller skates, bowling balls and shoes, laser tag guns, equipment, including trampolines, and any other item used by customers shall be sanitized and disinfected after each use.
  - xiv. All high-touch areas, including all door handles shall be sanitized, at a minimum, once every two hours.
  - xv. Group gatherings, including special event parties, shall be limited to a maximum of 20 customers.
  - xvi. The indoor place of amusement, including all equipment, machines and games, shall be wiped down, cleaned and sanitized daily.

- j. ***Reception halls and conference centers:*** Reception halls and conference centers shall be permitted to re-open subject to the following limitations:
    - i. The number of guests in the reception hall or conference center shall be no greater than 25% of maximum seating capacity.
    - ii. All events must be seated. Tables shall be arranged to ensure a minimum of 6 feet of separation between tables. Seating at each table shall be limited to a maximum of 6 guests.
    - iii. Food services are subject to the limitations placed on restaurants pursuant to Paragraph I(a) and its subparts of Executive Order 1478.
  - k. ***Schools:*** Beginning June 1, 2020, public school districts may open their buildings to the public to offer in-person classroom instructional activities and learning options, such as summer school programs, special education evaluations, specialized assessments, and individualized tutoring in accordance with guidance issued by the Mississippi State Department of Health and Mississippi Department of Education. Private schools and institutions of higher learning may open their building and campuses to the public and are encouraged to establish protocols and standards to allow students, teachers and staff to return to schools for educational purposes.
  - l. ***County and Local Municipal Authority:*** Nothing in this Executive Order shall limit or alter the authority of any local or county authority from adopting orders, rules, regulations, resolutions, and actions that are more strict than established herein, provided that they do not impose restrictions that prevent any Essential Business Operations as identified in Executive Order No. 1463 as Supplemented from operating at such level necessary to provide essential services and functions during this COVID-19 State of Emergency.
- II. Courts Are Open:
- a. Pursuant to Article 3, §§ 24, 25, 26, and 26A of the Mississippi Constitution, and consistent with administrative orders of the Supreme Court of the State of Mississippi, all State Courts are open to fulfill their constitutional and statutory duties.
  - b. Nothing in this or any Executive Order issued in response to COVID-19 is intended to conflict with or otherwise infringe upon any administrative order issued by or under the direction of the Supreme Court of the State of Mississippi.
- III. Enforcement of Safe Return Order:
- a. This Executive Order may be enforced by all State, County and Local law enforcement, as well as by other governmental entities (such as State and local departments of health) to the fullest extent under Mississippi law including, *inter alia*, Miss. Code. Ann. §§ 33-15-11(b)(5) and 33-15-11(b)(6).
  - b. Violations of this Executive Order are subject to the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-43.
- IV. Delegate Authority to Issue and Enforce Quarantine and Isolation Orders:
- a. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 33-15-11(b)(5) and 33-15-31, the State Health Officer in consultation with the Governor is authorized and empowered to issue such orders as necessary to carry out, implement, and enforce any quarantine or isolation orders to contain and restrict transmission of COVID-19.
  - b. That this authority is in addition to, and consistent with, the Mississippi State Department of Health's authority to issue, maintain and enforce isolation and quarantine orders pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 41-23-5 and other controlling law.
  - c. Nothing in this Executive Order limits or alters the authority under Miss. Code Ann. § 21-19-3 for a governing authority of a municipality to enact and enforce more restrictive measures to contain and restrict transmission of COVID-19.
- V. That all departments, commissions, agencies, institutions, and boards of the State of Mississippi, political subdivisions thereof, counties, municipalities and school districts are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions and measures taken in response to COVID-19 during the State of Emergency.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the \_\_\_\_ day of May,  
in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and of  
the Independence of the United States of America, the two  
hundred and forty-fourth.

TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

MICHAEL WATSON  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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