

UMMC Grenada, Holmes County providing drive-through COVID-19 testing

UMMC Residents of the Grenada region and Holmes County in need of testing for COVID-19 can provide specimens during drive-through collections at the University of Mississippi Medical Center Grenada and UMMC Holmes County in Lexington.

Those experiencing symptoms can call 662-227-7200 to be screened by a UMMC provider. If they're determined to be at high risk, they'll be given an appointment for mobile collection at the hospital location closest to them. Symptoms of the virus include fever, severe coughing, sore throat and shortness of breath.

The Grenada hospital is located at 960 JK Avent Drive. The Lexington hospital is located at 239 Bowling Green Road. Screening hours via telephone are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

UMMC Grenada encourages the public to stay at

home and practice social distancing - maintaining at least a six-foot distance from others - and good hygiene, including frequent and thorough hand washing for 20 seconds. Gov. Tate Reeves on Wednesday issued an order for sheltering in place, which includes home isolation, and closed all but essential businesses.

Like UMMC's Jackson operations, UMMC Grenada is only performing urgent outpatient visits and emergency surgeries. The clinics both in Grenada and in Lexington are also moving some appointments to telehealth and taking measures to preserve personal protective equipment, similar to the Jackson campus.

If you are a patient at UMMC Grenada and experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, call the main line at 662-227-7000. If you are a patient at UMMC Holmes County, call 662-834-1321.

State parks closed, other closures announced by MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

Press Release Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) for the safety of our employees and the public and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic will be making the following temporary changes to its business operations effective immediately. All changes will remain in effect until further notice.

Closure Details

- State and Regional Offices are currently closed to the public.
- State Lakes and Park Lakes will close to the public beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2020.
- State Parks will close to

the public beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2020. The Clark Creek Natural Area is currently closed to the public.

- The Museum of Natural Science and the North Mississippi Visitor Education Center are closed to the public.
- MDWFP Shooting Facilities, Turcotte, McHenry, and McIvor will close to the public beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2020.
- MDWFP Wildlife Management Areas will remain open.
- During this time, all personnel not assigned to state and regional offices will continue to provide services statewide and remain fully operational.

Reporting a Hunting Violation

- If you have a hunting violation or an emergency that you need to report please call 1-800-BE-SMART.

We ask that you continue to follow the guidelines set

and every year that he cannot use Clorox as it will kill my flower beds and all the grass around the pool. Once again, he becomes irrationally upset with my scolding's and tells me that I can take care of the discoloration around the patio. Well, OKAY! It's just something about Clorox that he is obsessed with.

I have several pots in which I always want annuals and they need to be planted now but, I am quarantined! I cannot go to a store and go in and buy flowers or anything else so I suppose some of my pots will grow grasses and weeds this year. I will be happy to give you a cutting if you need one.

I realize things could be so so much worse than they are, and I may complain but

Confinement

I am, like you so very tired of this confinement that I am going stir crazy. I go from my computer, to my reading chair, to watch television, to the kitchen to cook and then start all over again. Sometimes I even have to ask my husband, "What day is it?" One day just runs into the next.

After the rains of the past two days I am getting out in my yard to see what plants have survived over the winter, now as the pollen seems to have been washed away. I have some green things coming up that I honestly do not know what

they are right now. As I dug in several of my pots, they were growing red ants and I was covered and doing my jumpy dance for a while to beat the ants off me.

Mix porch and the "trin-kets" that sat on the tables used to be of the turquoise family color but were all a pretty bright yellow as well as my cushions. As the water ran off, the small rivulets were thick with yellow pollen.

Of course, my husband, Mr. Clean, begins his talk again about CLOROX! Once again, I try, at first to explain to him as I do each



Peggy's Take

Auditor's office to bring accountability to COVID-19 stimulus spending

Press Release

State Auditor Shad White and his staff are making plans to audit and monitor the money coming into Mississippi as part of the CARES Act, the federal government's stimulus response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Now is the time, before the money starts flowing in full, to send the message to everyone in government that that money will be watched closely for fraud," said Auditor White. "Letting folks know we are watching is a way to prevent problems on the back end. Every taxpayer dollar is valuable right now, especially as governments are scrambling to buy protective masks and other life-saving equipment. We cannot lose money to those who would steal it."

Millions of federal dollars will be spent in Mississippi as a result of the law.

"The federal government has passed a much-needed stimulus for our businesses and workers during this time of emergency," said White. "But with any large influx of money—especially the largest stimulus in history—there comes the potential for fraud."

This week, Auditor White will be teleconferencing with

forth by the CDC and the Mississippi Department of Health (MDH) regarding COVID-19. Information regarding COVID-19 can be found on the MDH website: msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/14,0,420.html

We apologize for any inconvenience during this time and we thank you for your cooperation.

Stay up to date by visiting our website at www.mdwfp.com. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mdwfp or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MDWFPonline.

I am thankful we are all doing well but sometimes I just need to whine.

While we were in New York last year, we ate at Serendipity. They have a chocolate sundae that cost \$1000. No, we did not eat that (must be really good) sundae. But here is a recipe that is really good for you to try.

Make a batch of your favorite brownies, then add:

- 2 T. dark cocoa powder
- 1 t. vanilla extract
- 1 cup of chocolate chips
- 1/2 t. salt.

Cool completely and cut into 9 brownies and top each with a scoop of your favorite ice cream and chocolate syrup.

** Peggy Sims is a life-long resident of Attala County and columnist.*

Hotline open for COVID-19 questions

Press Release

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) has activated the Mississippi COVID-19 hotline to answer questions from the general public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For up-to-date information, call the hotline, check the MSDH website at HealthyMS.com/COVID-19, or download the free MS Ready app for Apple and Android.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website also has a wealth of information. The hotline number is 1-877-978-6453.

recognized as being first-in-class for monitoring federal stimulus money in the past. In 2012, the National State Auditors Association awarded Mississippi with its top accountability award for the way it monitored the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Suspected fraud of any type of taxpayer money can be reported to the Auditor's office online any time by clicking the red button at www.osa.ms.gov or via telephone during normal business hours at 1-(800)-321-1275.



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his staff and top government audit professionals in the private sector to discuss different methods to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in Mississippi's share of the stimulus money. These tools could include:

- Real-time audits of government offices handling federal money;
- Reviews of the internal controls—the procedures put into place to prevent fraud—in state agencies handling stimulus money;
- Performance audits to show whether the spending accomplished the desired outcome, and;
- Training for government employees dispersing stimulus money.

The Mississippi State Auditor's office has been

Harland Creek Community Water Association
will have its annual meeting
Monday, April 20, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
in the Coxburg Community Center.
***** Please note*****
Date and time are subject to change

Mallory Community Health Center would like to announce that we are now offering Telehealth Services for all sites. Since the heightened spread of the Coronavirus, this service is set in place to ensure all patients have the opportunity to continue their visits from the comfort of their home using their cell phone, laptop, or desktop computer. Please give us a call at 662-834-1857 for more information. We are here to assist and serve you.

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