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## Governor Reeves: Shelter-in-place ordered in state through April 20

### Press Release

Governor Tate Reeves signed a new executive order on Wednesday, April 1, establishing a statewide shelter-in-place for Mississippi to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health of all who call our state home.

The Mississippi Department of Health determined that our state reached a critical point in the cycle of the outbreak, and Governor Reeves announced his decision to issue the shelter-in-place order for Mississippi at a press conference on April 1.

Mississippi is rapidly increasing testing and strictly enforcing quarantines for anyone that investigators believe has been exposed to the virus. The shelter-in-place began on Friday, April 3, 2020 at 5:00 PM and will be in effect until Monday, April 20, 2020 at 8:00 AM.

Read Governor Reeves' remarks the press conference:

Governor Reeves: "This is a somber time—for our country and our state. We are all in grave danger, from coast to coast. As leaders, our top priority is and always will be the safety of our citizens.

"Every day, for the last several weeks, I have asked our health experts whether it is time for the ultimate action of a "shelter in place" order statewide. Yesterday, for the first time, we got the answer we had been anticipating. They told me we are now

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## President Trump approves major disaster declaration for Mississippi

### Press Release

FEMA announced that federal emergency aid has been made available for the state of Mississippi to supplement the state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic beginning on January 20, 2020, and continuing.

Federal funding is available to state, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing

basis for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance under Public Assistance, for all areas affected by COVID-19 at a federal cost share of 75 percent.

Gracia B. Szczech has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area.

Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further assessments.

## COVID-19: Masks now recommended for personal, public protection

### Press Release

Given the rising number of cases of COVID-19 in Mississippi, and the increased risk of exposure to both the healthcare provider and the patient, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) now recommends that healthcare workers wear a face covering (either manufactured or appropriate cloth mask) throughout the workday.

This recommendation applies to healthcare professionals working in clinical care areas, even if they do not come into direct contact with patients. Cloth masks are preferred in non-patient care settings in hospitals and clinics. Cloth masks should be laundered daily under the guidance of the healthcare facility.

When caring for patients with possible COVID-19 symptoms, MSDH strongly recommend strict compliance with CDC infection

control guidance. Personal protective equipment (PPE) is still a critically vulnerable resource. Hygienic measures to reuse or recycle PPE should be taken when possible.

All masks should be replaced at a frequency determined by the healthcare facility.

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## West man deceased after five days reported missing

### Staff Report

The body of a West man was discovered Friday evening, April 3, after he had been reported missing since March 29.

Alvin G. Tidwell was found off Eddisville Road, 3-4 miles outside of Durant.

Holmes County Coroner Dexter Howard reported that Tidwell was only two or two and a half miles from his house.

Howard did not have a preliminary cause of death but said Tidwell's body was



ALVIN TIDWELL

sent to the state crime lab in Jackson for autopsy. Howard did not comment on a time of death.

## It's Called Resurrection Morning

By Rev. Dan March

Antioch M.B. Church and Trinity M.B. Church

This Easter looks like it will be one filled with sorrow for many families across the world, but all is not lost. Just remember that God is still in charge of what's going on in the world today. He has promised that he would not put more on us than we are able to bear. Remember, Christ came to save that which was lost; and even those who don't know him in the parting of their sin. We are loved by God, he has given a way out of what we are going through.

2 Chronicles 7:14 - "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Yes! He has given us what we need, but we must be willing to do what is asked of us. Today's world looks more to the sciences for the answers than to the One who knows all things. Even the scientist has to wait on the Lord for answers. In all of our ways we must put Him first, and He will direct our paths.

This Easter while the family is together, we need to stop and think about what Easter is all about; it's not the eggs, new clothes or the rabbits. Tell the real story of Easter.

If you don't know the story get a Bible and begin reading the four gospel writers. They tell the whole story of Jesus Christ from his birth to his death. Jesus rose from the grave on the third day morning with all power in His hands.

That morning is called RESURRECTION MORNING, for He has risen as He said.



Easter, the word, is not about Jesus Christ, but dedicated to a pagan goddess, Eostre.

The resurrection of Jesus, as described in the New Testament of the Bible, is essentially the foundation upon which the Christian religions are built. Hence, Easter is a very significant date on the Christian calendar.

According to the New Testament, Jesus was arrested by the Roman authorities, essentially because he claimed to be the "Son of God," although historians question this motive. Some say that the Romans may have viewed him as a traitor to the empire. He was sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate of Judea from 26 to 36 A.D. Jesus' death by crucifixion marked by the Christian holiday Good Friday (the Friday before Easter), and subsequent resurrection three days later, is said by the authors of the gospels, to prove that he was the living son of God.

In varying ways, all four of the gospels in the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) state that those who believe in Jesus' death and resurrection are given "the gift of eternal life," meaning that those of faith will be welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven upon their earthly death.

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