

Governor Reeves amends Safer At Home Order to safely reopen restaurants, parks

Press Release

On Monday, May 4, Governor Tate Reeves announced the next phase for Mississippi to begin slowly and safely reopening the state's economy while continuing to flatten the curve.

In a new executive order that he signed, Governor Reeves laid out the next steps of a measured, strategic plan following our state health officials recommendations to protect lives while restoring Mississippians' livelihoods.

This executive order amends his Safer At Home order, which he signed over a week ago and still remains in effect until Monday, May 11. The new guidelines go into effect at 8:00 AM on Thursday, May 7 until 8:00 AM

on Monday, May 11, which is when the Safer At Home order ends as well.

"I don't want to wait if there are steps that we believe we can safely take now to ease the burden on Mississippians fighting this virus. There are thousands around the state that are set to close their doors for good. They cannot hold on much longer. I hope that this will not only be some much-needed relief for those restaurant employees but also provide for some joy for the people of Mississippi," said Governor Tate Reeves.

Reeves announced his new executive order at his daily press briefing.

In this latest executive order, Reeves lays out strict so-

cial distancing guidelines to begin the process of slowly and safely reopening restaurants and allowing outdoor recreation.

RESTAURANTS

- Before in-house dining can resume, the entire restaurant and bar must be deep-cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized top to bottom.

- All restaurants and bars are expected to take every step necessary to implement the regulations, orders, and guidance from the Mississippi State Department of Health and CDC to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- All employees will be screened daily at the beginning of their shifts, including asking whether they have been in contact with a con-

prevent the producer from receiving any failed acreage credit.

Producers of hand-harvested crops and certain perishables must notify FSA of damage or loss through the administrative County Office within 72 hours of the date of damage or loss first becomes apparent. This notification can be provided by filing a CCC-576, email, fax or phone. Producers who notify the County Office by any method other than by filing the CCC-576 are still required to file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, within the required 15 calendar days.

For losses on crops cov-

ered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), producers must file a Notice of Loss within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

For more information contact Holmes County FSA office at 662-834-4688 Ext 2.

- Cloth masks must be provided to all employees who come in direct contact with customers. Employees are required to wear that mask throughout their shift.

- All employees must be provided training on how to limit the spread of COVID-19.

- No more than 50% seating capacity in both indoor and outdoor dining areas, and floor plans must be updated to ensure at least 6 feet between each group. Party sizes will be limited to no more than 6 people per table.

- Bars and bar areas that do not offer food services are to remain closed.

- Minimizing person-to-person contact through technology, like mobile or online reservations and contact-less payment, is encouraged.

- Customers will be screened upon entry. Restaurants and bars must post signage at each entrance stating no customer with a fever or

COVID-19 symptoms are allowed in.

- Cafeteria-style buffets and food stations that are manned by restaurant staff are allowed with appropriate barriers to limit contact. Self-service buffets, food stations, and drink stations are prohibited.

- All restaurants and bars must place hand sanitizer at all entrances, hostess stations, in/near bathrooms, and at cashier stations.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Gatherings are limited to a maximum of 10 people for indoor activities and a maximum of 20 people for outdoor activities.

- Parks can open to the public from 9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. for outdoor recreation under guidance from the Mississippi Department

of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks and local authorities, with people following social distancing guidelines such as 6 feet separation.

Outdoor recreation activities, such as swimming, are also allowed within those same hours.



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File a Notice of Loss for Failed Acres and Prevented Planting

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers to report prevented planting and failed acres timely to establish or retain FSA program eligibility for some programs.

Producers should report crop acreage intended to be planted, but due to natural disaster, were prevented from planting. Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by Risk Management Agency (RMA).

Holmes County USDA Service Center is open for appointments only. Producers must call the office @ 662-834-4688 extension 2 and make an appointment and service will be provided to people in-person at the office, observing proper social distancing requirements. Many producers are choosing to handle the acreage reporting by phone and email with scanned documents like maps. FSA can print and email maps, producers can mark the fields on the maps, scan, and email back to FSA. If scanning is not an option, the maps can be returned by regular mail to FSA. Some producers also send an accompanying field listed sheet with the crop and land use designated field by field so that the total acreage can be compared after the acreage report is prepared by FSA.

Final crop planting dates for Holmes County are:
Corn --- April 25
Grain Sorghum - May 15
Cotton - May 25
Rice - May 25
Soybeans - June 15
Peanuts - May 31

If a producer is unable to report the prevented planting acreage within the 15 calendar days and does not allow an FSA representative

to visit the farm and inspect the acreage and cause of loss, then prevented planting acreage credit from FSA is highly unlikely.

Additionally, producers with Failed Acres should also use form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, to report failed acres. The notice of loss should be filed within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent to the producer and before the evidence of the failed crop is destroyed. Failure to report timely to FSA before destruction of the evidence of the crop will

DMH offers free youth mental health first aid training for educators

Press Release

The Mississippi Department of Mental Health is making available free Youth Mental Health First Aid for parents, educators, families during the summer of 2020, offering the training at 11 cities throughout the state.

Youth Mental Health First Aid is an eight-hour training designed to teach professionals who regularly interact with young people how to help those who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis. Parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens are welcome to register for one of the trainings, but space is limited. Registration information can be found on the DMH web site and on the DMH Facebook page.

"Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches us how to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness and substance use in a young person," said Courtney Littleton with the DMH Division of Outreach and Training.

"What if there was something you could do to help youth in your school or your community? Well, there are things you can do, and this training teaches you what those are."

The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a five-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders.

It will also introduce participants to mental health services that are available in their local area.

DMH is able to offer the training to school district employees, school resource officers, parents and caregivers due to a federal grant from the Substance Abuse Services and Mental Health Administration. The Mental Health Awareness Training grant is a three-year grant

SAMHSA awarded to DMH that allows the agency to provide this training at no cost to these groups.

The training is scheduled for the following cities and dates: Brandon, July 9; Booneville, June 20; Clarksdale, July 17; Greenville, July 7 and July 8; Greenwood, June 29 and June 30; McComb, July 22; Meridian, July 16; Oxford, June 8 and July 14; Tupelo, June 12 and July 10; Vicksburg, June 9 and July 7; and West Point, June 23.

The training is offered in partnership with Community Mental Health Centers around the state, and has been approved for continuing education units for educators and school resource officers.

While the training is provided free of charge, participants' lunch will be on their own.

For registration information, email Courtney Littleton at courtney.littleton@dmh.ms.gov, or visit DMH online at www.dmh.ms.gov or www.facebook.com/dmh-mississippi.

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Table titled '2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report' showing test results for various contaminants including Total Coliform Bacteria, Barium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, and Disinfection By-Products. The table lists violation numbers, dates, and levels compared to MCL and MCLG.

Additional text providing information about the water quality report, including contact details for the Holmes County Health Department and a disclaimer about the report's accuracy.