

# Mississippi Supreme Court orders masks to be worn in all courtrooms

**Press Release**  
Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Mike Randolph on Thursday ordered that masks be worn by everyone in all courtrooms in the state to protect against the spread of COVID-19.

“Public safety was a concern of the drafters of our Constitution and remains a paramount concern today. As such, the Court continues to balance personal rights with the constitutional obligation to remain open and accessible,” the Chief Justice wrote in Emergency Administrative Order 14, issued on July 23.

The Chief Justice said in the order, “Throughout our Emergency Administrative Orders, the Court has recognized the necessity of balancing health risks presented by COVID-19 with the courts’ constitutional and statutory duty to remain open and accessible. In light of the overwhelming evidence, I find that modification of prior Emergency Administrative Orders is warranted. The

# MDWFP’s Visitor Education Center reopens

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The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) Visitor Education Center (VEC) near Enid re-opened to the public on Tuesday, July 28. The VEC is open Tuesday - Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

All visitors will be required to wear a mask and social distancing requirements must be adhered to (maintaining a minimum distance of 6 feet between individuals). Masks will not be available at the VEC.

Admission is \$2.50 for adults ages 18 - 59, and \$2.00 for youth ages 3 -17 and adults over the age of 60.

For more information, please visit <https://www.mdwfp.com/nmfh/> or call the VEC at (662) 563 - 8068.

The VEC is part of the MDWFP’s North Mississippi Fish Hatchery and is located at Exit 233 east off I-55.

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# \*School Re-entry

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5.5 hours per day. Completed courses will earn “Carnegie credits toward graduation,” according to the web site.

Safety measures are also listed on the web site for in-class instruction. Measures include mandatory face masks worn at all times, frequent hand washing, physical distancing, small class sizes, desks separated by transparent partitions and frequent sanitizing of surfaces.

Families are asked to complete online guidelines for those opting for virtual instruction for the 2020-2021 school year.

According to the guidelines, virtual learning classes will be a live stream of the traditional classroom. Teachers will conduct virtual classes daily as indicated on the student’s schedule. Students enrolled in virtual

clerks, law enforcement, bailiffs, court reporters, counsel, parties, witnesses, jurors, and victims, is regularly required, and at times, they are in close proximity to each other. Others are commanded to attend court. While masks may be objectionable or pose a slight inconvenience to some, such inconvenience cannot prevent our courts from remaining open and accessible to all.”

Read Emergency Administrative Order 14 is at this link: [https://courts.ms.gov/appellatecourts/docket/send-PDF.php?f=700\\_506525.pdf&c=91465&a=N&s=2](https://courts.ms.gov/appellatecourts/docket/send-PDF.php?f=700_506525.pdf&c=91465&a=N&s=2)

# Kosciusko’s longtime mayor won’t seek reelection

**Press Release**  
The 63-year-old mayor of a small Mississippi city says he will not seek reelection. Kosciusko Mayor Jimmy Cockroft announced his decision Wednesday during a

learning will be considered “in attendance” if they complete work on a weekly basis to stay on track with the traditional course schedule while adhering to Mississippi Department of Education guidelines. Students enrolled in virtual learning may be required to be in person for school and state testing or other activities designated by the school or district leadership.

radio segment broadcast on WLIN-FM.

“My decision is based on my age and the number of years I’ve been here,” said Cockroft. “I just feel like it’s time for me and I feel like it’s time for the town for somebody else to come in and lead.”

Cockroft has served as mayor for the past 24 years, making him the longest tenured mayor in the city’s history. He took office in July 1997 after serving one full term as alderman at-large. In total, he has served 28 years for the City of Kosciusko, which is about 65 miles (105 kilometers) northeast of Jackson.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS

1) Bamboo-eater

6) Close call

11) Faux \_\_\_\_

14) Words following "bend" or "lend"

15) Ankle bone

16) Tiny terror

17) Some glands

19) IRS hiree

20) Television innovator John

21) Engaged in a diatribe

23) Weightlifting units

26) Need for a new arrival

28) "\_\_\_\_ welcome!"

29) Midafternoon, on a sundial

30) Gallery contents

32) Bauxite and others

33) Dungeons & Dragons monster

34) Type of mathematical function

38) Meteorite remains

40) Slightly tart apple

43) Empty shells in the kitchen

45) It follows status?

46) Fitted with footwear

48) Masculine pronoun

49) Vessel with a spigot

50) Drug-yielding plants

52) Difficult to grasp

55) Be atop the standings

56) Girl's short sock

58) A bit eccentric

60) Shad-to-be?

61) A sorry state

66) Increasingly rare PC part

67) Bind, as a fowl

68) Recycled metal

69) Superman's letter

70) Taste or smell

71) Fraternity letter

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DOWN

1) Fare for the toothless

2) Young Darth Vader's nickname

3) Butterfly catcher

4) Paints roughly

5) Opera highlight

6) Drummer Ringo

7) Kind of arrest

8) Great heavyweight

9) Remorseful one

10) Certain homework assignment

11) Visually attractive

12) Unit of electric current

13) Bidding card game

18) Tiny spasm

22) Wild West loop

23) Quite a card

24) Michael Collins' land

25) Some thieves

27) Concocts

31) Pain in the neck

34) Little Jack Horner's dessert

35) Seven-year affliction

36) Like campfire stories

37) The newly-elected

39) Kind of basin or wave

41) Invisible atmosphere

42) Home for some lilies

44) Not worth keeping

46) Rare

47) A-student's classification

51) Clan units

53) Set free

54) "This One's For \_\_\_\_"

55) Type of mob

57) Michelin product

59) Wordless summons

62) 252-gallon barrel

63) Palindromic preposition

64) Took a chair

65) Health-and-beauty center