

# 2 Mississippi universities find COVID-19 as students return

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Outbreaks of the new coronavirus have been found at two of Mississippi's eight public universities within the first days of students returning to campuses, the state health officer said Wednesday, August 19.

Dr. Thomas Dobbs said cases at the University of Mississippi in Oxford and Mississippi University for Women in Columbus appear to have originated off-campus.

The University of Mississippi said in a memo Wednesday that 13 student-athletes and one employee had tested positive for COVID-19. The memo said 11 of the athletes are on the same team, but it did not name the sport.

"These individuals were tested earlier this week as part of a mass screening for student-athletes returning to campus and were instructed to quarantine until test re-

sults were received," the memo said.

MUW said on its website Wednesday that seven students had reported testing positive for the virus since Friday, and each had been on campus within a week before the diagnosis.

Dobbs said some of the MUW cases can be traced to the Cotton District in Starkville, an area with restaurants and bars that are popular with students from MUW and Mississippi State University.

"Not a big surprise," Dobbs said. "We know when people socialize and get in groups concentrated not wearing masks, they're absolutely going to spread the coronavirus."

The University of Mississippi said in a news release Wednesday that it has a team of people tracing cases to try to slow the spread of the virus. Students, faculty or staff members who have

COVID-19 symptoms or think they might have been near someone with the virus are asked to contact the university health services office for testing and to isolate themselves until they receive results. In addition, the university is using an app to notify people who have been in contact with those who test positive, so those people can also get tested and go into isolation.

The Health Department said Wednesday that Mississippi, with a population of about 3 million, has had at

least 74,555 reported cases and at least 2,163 deaths from COVID-19 as of Tuesday evening. That's an increase of 1,348 confirmed cases and 36 deaths from numbers reported the day before, with 12 deaths occurring between July 22 and Aug. 14 and identified later from death certificates.

The true number of virus infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested and studies suggest people can be infected without feeling sick. The virus causes mild or moderate symptoms for most but can be more severe or fatal for some, especially older adults and those with existing health problems.



Mississippi State Health Officer Dr. Thomas Dobbs right, listens as Gov. Tate Reeves responds to a reporter's question regarding his executive order mandating that all adults and students wear masks in schools, unless there's a medical reason that prevents them from doing so, during the governor's COVID-19 press briefing in Jackson, Miss., Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020. State officials provided reporters an update on the coronavirus and the state's ongoing strategy to limit transmission in public schools. (AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)

## "NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE TOWN OF GOODMAN"

The Town of Goodman will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for the fiscal year 2021 Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 4:00 p.m., at the Goodman Town Hall located at 9912 Main Street, Goodman, MS.

The Town of Goodman is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$486,000. \$65,000, or 14% of such revenue is obtained through Ad Valorem Taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$ 497,650. Of that amount, 13% or \$70,000 is to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for the fiscal year 2021 above the current fiscal year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental and real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for the fiscal year 2020.

The Town of Goodman millage rate remains the same as last year at 37.78.

Any citizen of the Town of Goodman is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for the fiscal year 2021 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

### IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON

BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



Look at your bank statements very carefully each time you get them. Someone is calling, saying they are Amazon.com and will debit \$99.00 from your bank account. When you tell them you have no dealings with Amazon.com and do not have a computer. They still ask do you get ads on the computer. I think its a scam. Another scammer says they are going to debit \$299.00 from your bank account for using the computer. If you are like me, you do not have a computer. The best thing to do for these kinds of calls

is to hang up and save the phone number in your phone or dial \*69 and get the number and save it. Keep the date and time the call was made. They usually do not give their name.

You all can help me praise and thank God for my brother Raymond. He has been to two doctors for different tests. Each test comes back negative for cancer.

On Friday, August 28, the food boxes will not be given out at the Multi-Purpose Building. After Friday, call the mayor's office to see what's going on.



August 27 - JuliAnna Wynne, Thomas Drennan, Shelly Thornton, Susanne Sykes Digby, Gracy Smith, Malinda Loffin, Zack Killebrew

August 28 - Judy Pickett, George Wynne, Aaron Killgore, Wes Williamson, Lydia Davidson, Walt Richardson, Seth Luke, Edward Ross, Julisa Barnes

August 29 - Bonnie Tate, Jacie Lawshe, James Windom, II, Jasmine Windom, Linda Dishroom, Chris Killebrew

August 30 - Charlene Smith, Elizabeth Braswell, Robert Montgomery, Haley Hammons, Holly Haffey Smith, Avery Engle, Olivia Burrell, Beth Cook

August 31 - Tammy Merchant, Nancy Farmer, Julie Hathcock, Linda D.



August 27 - Holt and Jane Smith, W. A. and Jonnie Edwards

August 28 - Neil and Kristie Marshall, Larry and Laura Taylor, George and Patricia Hester

September 1 - Ernest and Jacqueline Wilson

September 2 - Charlie and Jean Hudson

Wiltshire, Kevin Harkness, NaTasha Butler, Eli Carr, Sherry Hoover McCrory, Carolyn Montgomery

September 1 - Doug Hooks, Ann Byrd Robinson, Matt Bethany, Parker Morgan, Charles Christopher Bates, Jr., Nan Rogers Turner

September 2 - Amanda Breazeale, Justin Killebrew, Hank McNeese, Mitch Bethany, Joe Malone