

EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-004

Based on current national and state information and guidance, study of actions taken by other cities in this State and nationally, and consultation and advice of the City Council, staff and community stakeholders, the following Executive Order further defines the Emergency Proclamation issued by the City of Tupelo on March 17, 2020:

All businesses in the City of Tupelo shall be allowed to erect tents, banners, and take any other reasonable steps necessary to offer curbside, carry-out, to-go, or other such services to adhere to the necessities of the emergency situation created by the novel COVID-19 virus;

All grocery stores and large retail facilities shall adhere to CDC requirements including, but not limited to, social distancing; all employees shall wear latex gloves;

All restaurants located within the City of Tupelo shall limit in house dining to the lesser of 50% of their certificate of occupancy/fire marshal limitations or twenty (20) people at one time and shall adhere to the six (6) foot social distancing recommendation of the CDC;

Restaurants that cannot adhere to the above requirements shall only utilize curbside, carry-out, to-go, or other such services;

Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:00 a.m., all restaurants shall utilize only curbside, carry-out, to-go, or other such services;

Restaurants shall be allowed to utilize public sidewalks and one (1) public parking space on a public street, if necessary, to facilitate offer curbside, carry-out, to-go, or other such services; further, all restaurants shall close at 9:00 p.m. from now until Wednesday, April 1, 2020;

Restaurants shall adhere to all other Health Department guidelines and specific recommendations of the CDC pertaining to the COVID-19 virus;

In all operations restaurant employees shall wear latex gloves;

All gas stations, package stores, and small retail businesses shall not allow more than ten (10) customers inside said facilities at any one time and all employees shall wear latex gloves;

All activities in public parks in the City of Tupelo shall be limited by the social distancing requirements of the CDC and the playground facilities in said parks shall be and hereby are closed until further notice;

All recreational entertainment facilities (i.e. skating rinks, bowling alleys, arcades, etc.) shall by Friday, March 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. cease operations until Wednesday, April 1, 2020. That movie theaters are not addressed by this Order as local movie theaters have voluntarily ceased operations;


The City of Tupelo is awaiting direction from state and/or federal officials regarding safety restrictions regarding major employers located within our city and I strongly urge our state and/or federal officials to take decisive action immediately; until such guidance is received major employers are urged to conduct appropriate risk assessments for their operations.

If no uniform state or federal action is taken prior to 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2020 the operations of Day Care facilities will be addressed by Executive Order at that time;

The City of Tupelo strongly urges and requests that the State of Mississippi allow all medical facilities, including specialty clinics, to operate by telemedicine, including, but not limited to, patient consultations and issuance of prescription medications;

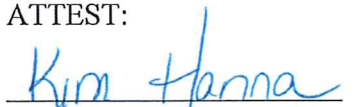
That all directives in this proclamation shall be revisited Monday, March 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and are subject to being amended by any applicable state or federal proclamation, rule, or regulation. We look forward to receiving uniform statewide action which would better apply to all cities and counties located in the State of Mississippi;

So ordered, this the 19th day of March, 2020.



Jason L. Shelton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kim Hanna, CFO/City Clerk