

City of Yazoo City



Diane Delaware, Mayor

The City of Yazoo City Declares Emergency Order As a Result of COVID-19

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI, DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY IN YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI, AS A RESULT OF COVID-19

WHEREAS, there are confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, in Mississippi as confirmed by the State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the State Health Officer has reported that there is a high risk for an outbreak in the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Department of Health has confirmed localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Mississippi, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to Mississippi's general public and creating an extreme public health risk; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has declared a nationwide state of emergency and the Governor of the State of Mississippi has declared that a state of emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons within the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, have arisen as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, hereby find that in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, the Mayor must have the authority to act expeditiously in these uncertain times; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril constitute a public emergency that may result in substantial injury or harm to life, health, and property, within the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, and warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in order to provide for the health and safety of the citizens within the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that in accordance with Section 33-15-17(d), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Yazoo City,

Mississippi, and shall be reviewed every thirty (30) days until such local emergency is no longer in effect and proclaimed terminated by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that all City agencies, officers, employees and departments shall discharge their emergency responsibilities and provide emergency assistance in accordance with state law and as set forth in the City of Yazoo City's Emergency Operations Plan.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that in accordance with this State of Emergency, the Mayor shall have full authority to close and/or suspend operations of any and all City of Yazoo City buildings and/or property as deemed necessary by the Mayor in the best interest of the employees and citizens of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi; the Mayor shall further have full authority to provide for non-essential, non-emergency City employees to work remotely if deemed necessary.



City of Yazoo City COVID-19 Emergency Orders



HEALTH AND SAFETY IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY

Nonessential buildings, properties and services are closed until further notice as follows:

- Triangle Cultural Center
- Yazoo City Complex
- Suspension of Fire Marshall Inspections
- Suspension of Smoke Alarm Inspections
- Gatherings of more than 10 in Glenwood Cemetery

****Municipal Court Cases Rescheduled (Contact the court at 662-314-1013)**

All events, festivals, and meetings that include public gatherings of more than 10 people on City-owned properties are postponed until further notice. If you have an event, we encourage you to have family members only. All events and sponsors of events are expected to follow CDC guidelines for the health and safety of Yazoo City citizens.

All city appointed boards should meet telephonically via Zoom, GoToMeeting, etc. Contact the City Hall at 662-746-3211 for support.

While we will provide access to the boardroom, we encourage you to participate in our Board Meetings telephonically. City meetings may be heard via Radio.

Recommendations:

- **Anyone 65 years or older, or anyone with severe medical conditions, should not be in or near crowds of over 10 people;**
- **Restaurants, Bars, Event Centers and other entities serving foods should consider take out services;**

- **Precautions at gatherings should include proper hand hygiene, social distancing, and enhanced ventilation (HVAC/open windows);**
- **After visiting a place where the virus is verified to be present, do not go into crowds and practice social distancing;**
- **Do not visit a hospital or emergency room if you believe you have contracted COVID-19. Call ahead before visiting any clinic or hospital for specific testing directions;**
- **Stay home if you are sick, and avoid close contact with anyone who is ill.**
- **Cover your coughs and sneezes. When possible, cough, sneeze or blow your nose into a tissue, and throw the tissue away.**
- **If you are sick, especially with shortness of breath, severe cough, fever or severe chest pain, call a doctor or healthcare provider for instructions on being safely examined.**
- **Avoid unnecessary (non-urgent) air, bus or train travel.**
- **Limit visitation to older relatives or friends (especially in nursing or care homes).**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.**
- **Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, especially after coughing or sneezing, blowing your nose, and using the bathroom. Effective handwashing takes about 20 seconds, and includes cleaning under fingernails, between fingers, and washing the back of hands as well as the front.**
- **Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are touched often.**
- **Stay in good overall health by eating right and staying active. If you are living with diabetes, heart disease or other condition, keep in touch with your doctor and stay current with your treatment.**
- **During or before flu season, get a flu shot. Flu vaccination can prevent the flu or make it less severe, and decrease your chance of hospitalization and death. It also keeps you healthier and better able to fight off infections.**
- **Consider Live-streaming or Graveside funeral services in order to limit physical attendance in line with social distancing precautions that authorities are urging in order to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus.**
Many families across the nation are postponing memorial services to follow CDC guidelines.

MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL

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