

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI, PROHIBITING GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE AND ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1480 OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI WITH RESPECT TO SALONS AND GYMS

WHEREAS, as a result of COVID-19, the President of the United States of America has declared a nationwide state of emergency, the Governor of the State of Mississippi has declared that a state of emergency exists in the State of Mississippi, and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, has in accordance with Section 33-15-17(d), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, declared a local state of emergency as a result of the pandemic created by the novel coronavirus and has limited non-essential gatherings, implemented a curfew, and closed certain businesses; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures related to decreasing the spread of COVID-19 remain necessary, unavoidable, and in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, to maintain the life, property, health, safety, welfare, good order, and public peace, of citizens and the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2020, the Governor of the State of Mississippi issued Executive Order No. 1477 establishing the statewide Safer at Home allowing certain businesses to open and operate under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, the Governor of the State of Mississippi issued Executive Order No. 1480, stating “a continuing to follow a measured and strategic plan to reopen the economy is essential to the health, safety and well-being of Mississippi residents, and in consultation with the State Health Officer, it is necessary to continue the Safer at Home order with certain additional amendments to allow additional businesses to open”; 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, remain as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yazoo City is a small City where more extraordinary measures must continue for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, especially where social distancing guidelines continue to be ignored; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, find it in the best interest of the City of Yazoo City prohibit gatherings of more than ten (10) people and to resume operations subject to the limitations and provisions set forth in Executive Order No. 1480 of the Governor of the State of Mississippi of salons and gyms.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in accordance with the declaration of emergency pursuant to Section 33-15-17(d), Mississippi Code of 1972, as

amended, in accordance with the authority granted pursuant to Section 45-17-1, *et seq.*, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, and the authority of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of this special charter municipality, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, hereby issue this Emergency Proclamation prohibiting gatherings of more than ten (10) people and adopting the provisions of Executive Order No. 1480 of the Governor of the State of Mississippi with respect to salons and gyms subject to the limitations therein.

IT IS ORDERED that from and after adoption of this Emergency Proclamation by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, (1) all events of more than 10 people in the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, are hereby prohibited; and (2) all events of 10 people or fewer in the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, are limited, as provided herein:

- i. An event is an organized, orchestrated or sponsored gathering that people are invited to attend or encouraged to attend through advertising. Further, an event is a gathering for business, social, or recreational activities including, but not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers, large private parties, celebrations or banquets; artistic performances, and spiritual and faith-based gatherings.
- ii. An event is not a public location where people pass through, such as transportation centers, airports, public squares, and shopping areas. Retail establishments such as grocery stores, gas stations, pharmacies, and banks are not events. Medical facilities, office environments, factories, schools, universities, and City owned or leased buildings where essential functions and services are being carried out are not events.
- iii. Organizers of events of 10 people or fewer must ensure that:
 - Older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions that are at increased risk of serious COVID-19 are encouraged not to attend.
 - Social distancing recommendations, as prescribed by the Mississippi State Department of Health, must be met, including all individuals remaining 6 feet apart at all times.
 - Proper hand hygiene and sanitation must be readily available to all attendees and individuals involved.
 - Environmental cleaning guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are followed.

IT IS ORDERED that from and after adoption of this Emergency Proclamation by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, salons, barber shops and other personal care and personal grooming facilities (collectively, "salons") may open subject to the following limitations:

- i. Prior to resuming operations, the entire salon, including areas not open to the public shall be deep cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized.

- ii. Pursuant to Paragraph I(h)(ii) of Executive Order 1477 of the Governor of the State of Mississippi, salons shall take all reasonable measures to ensure compliance with the Mississippi State Department of Health's and CDC's regulations, orders and guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including, but not limited to: social distancing; sending sick employees home; actively encouraging sick employees to stay home; separating and sending home employees who appear to have respiratory illness symptoms; adopting and enforcing regular and proper hand-washing and personal hygiene protocols; and daily screening of employees for COVID-19 related symptoms before beginning their shift.
- iii. Salons shall conduct a daily screening of all employees at the beginning of their shift. Such daily screening shall include the following questions, and any employee answering any question in the affirmative shall be sent home:
 - 1. Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - 2. Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
 - 3. Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
 - 4. Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
 - 5. Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
- iv. All employees shall be required to report any symptoms of COVID-19 to their supervisor, and any employee that exhibits any of the symptoms of COVID-19 during their shift shall be sent home immediately and advised to consult with their physician.
- v. All employees shall be provided training regarding minimizing the spread of COVID-19, including reinforcement of proper sanitation, hand washing, cough and sneeze etiquette, and proper use of PPE.
- vi. Break rooms shall be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized, and the number of employees in the break room shall be limited to allow for strict social distancing (a minimum of six feet between employees and no gathering of more than ten employees).
- vii. Every employee shall be provided a face covering, covering nose and mouth, and shall be required to wear that face covering while on duty, such face coverings shall be cleaned or replaced at least daily.
- viii. Every employee shall wear disposable gloves when serving a customer and change gloves between customers.
- ix. Customers shall wear a face covering, covering nose and mouth, while inside the salon at all times except when receiving a service that otherwise could not be provided while wearing a face covering.
- x. Each customer shall be draped with a clean cape. Capes shall be laundered after each use. The use of disposable capes is encouraged.
- xi. A protective neck strip shall be placed around the neck of each hair-cut customer.
- xii. The use of neck brushes is prohibited.
- xiii. All linens, including all towels, capes, and neck strips shall be stored in an airtight container.

- xiv. All linen hampers and trash containers shall be cleaned and disinfected daily, and all such containers must have a lid.
- xv. Employees shall wash their hands with soapy, warm water for a minimum of twenty seconds between every customer.
- xvi. Services shall be provided on an appointment or walk-in basis. All customers shall wait outside until they are called for screening prior to entry into the salon.
- xvii. The use of technology solutions to minimize person-to-person contact is encouraged, including mobile appointment systems, text upon arrival, and contactless payment options.
- xviii. Signage shall be posted at each entrance stating no customer with a fever or other symptom of COVID-19 is permitted in the salon.
- xix. Customers shall be screened for illness prior to their entry into the salon. Such screening shall include the following questions, and any customer answering any question in the affirmative shall not be permitted to enter the salon:
 - 1. Have you traveled outside of the United States in the past 14 days?
 - 2. Have you experienced any COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, body aches, or loss of sense of taste or smell) in the past 14 days?
- xx. All waiting areas shall be closed, items such as magazines, popcorn poppers, and coffee pots/machines shall be removed, and customers shall not be permitted to congregate outside of the salon prior to their appointment. Customers shall wait in their vehicle until their appointment time.
- xxi. Chairs shall be re-arranged to ensure at least six feet of separation between customers.
- xxii. The number of customers in the salon shall be limited to one customer per employee.
- xxiii. Chairs (including arm rests and head rests), stations and all other surfaces that are contacted by customers during the course of providing services shall be sanitized after each use by customers. All other high-touch areas, including all door handles shall be sanitized, at a minimum, once every two hours.
- xxiv. Disinfectant for immersion of tools shall be changed daily.
- xxv. Hand sanitizer shall be placed at all points of entry and exit, and customers shall be required to sanitize their hands upon entry into and exit from the salon.
- xxvi. The salon shall be deep cleaned daily. All bowls, hoses, spray nozzles, foist handles, shampoo chairs and arm rests shall be disinfected daily.

IT IS ORDERED that from and after adoption of this Emergency Proclamation by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, fitness and exercise gyms (collectively, “gyms”) may open subject to the following limitations:

- i. Prior to resuming operations, the entire gym, including areas not open to the public shall be deep cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized.
- ii. Gyms shall set hours of operation to close to the public no later than 10:00 p.m.

- iii. In addition to other staff, a minimum of one employee must be on-site during the gym's hours of operation dedicated to wiping down equipment following use by customers.
- iv. Pursuant Paragraph l(h)(ii) of Executive Order 1477 of the Governor of the State of Mississippi, gyms shall take all reasonable measures to ensure compliance with the Mississippi State Department of Health's and CDC's regulations, orders and guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including, but not limited to: social distancing; sending sick employees home; actively encouraging sick employees to stay home; separating and sending home employees who appear to have respiratory illness symptoms; adopting and enforcing regular and proper hand-washing and personal hygiene protocols; and daily screening of employees for COVID-19 related symptoms before beginning their shift.
- v. Daily screening of employees shall include the following questions, and any employee answering any question in the affirmative shall be sent home:
 - 1. Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - 2. Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
 - 3. Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
 - 4. Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
 - 5. Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
- vi. All employees shall be required to report any symptoms of COVID-19 (i.e., fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, body aches, or loss of sense of taste or smell) to their supervisor, and any employee that exhibits any of the symptoms of COVID-19 during their shift shall be sent home immediately and advised to consult with their physician.
- vii. All employees shall be provided training regarding minimizing the spread of COVID-19, including reinforcement of proper sanitation, hand washing, cough and sneeze etiquette, and proper use of PPE.
- viii. Every employee shall be provided a face covering, covering nose and mouth, and shall be required to wear that face covering while on duty, such face coverings shall be cleaned or replaced at least daily.
- ix. Every employee on the gym floor shall wear disposable gloves and change gloves, at a minimum, once per hour.
- x. Break rooms shall be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized, and the number of employees in the break room shall be limited to allow for strict social distancing (a minimum of six feet between employees and no gathering of more than ten employees).
- xi. The number of customers in the gym shall be limited to no greater than 30% of the gym's maximum occupancy. Gyms are encouraged to limit each customer's time in the gym to a maximum of one hour per day, especially if such use is during peak times.
- xii. Signage shall be posted at each entrance stating no customer with a fever or other symptom of COVID-19 is permitted in the gym.
- xiii. Customers shall be screened for illness prior to their entry into the gym.

- xiv. Exercise machines and equipment must be rearranged and/or deactivated to ensure a minimum of six feet of separation between customers.
- xv. Classes or group exercise activities are permitted. Participants shall maintain a minimum of six feet of separation between each individual at all times, and all exercise equipment shall be rearranged and/or deactivated to ensure a minimum of six feet of separation between participants.
- xvi. All high-touch areas, including all door handles shall be sanitized, at a minimum, once every two hours.
- xvii. Hand sanitizer shall be placed at all points of entry and exit, and throughout the gym floor, and customers shall be required to sanitize their hands upon entry into and exit from the gym, and when moving between exercise equipment.
- xviii. If the gym provides towels for use by customers, such towels shall be stored in an airtight container.
- xix. All linen hampers and trash containers shall be cleaned and disinfected daily, and all such containers must have a lid.
- xx. Gyms may offer food services, subject to the limitations on restaurants in Paragraph I(a) and its subparts of Executive Order 1478 of the Governor of the State of Mississippi.
- xxi. All common areas, with the exception of bathrooms/locker rooms shall remain closed.
- xxii. The gym floor shall be deep cleaned daily.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Emergency Order be (1) promptly filed with the City Clerk and (2) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Emergency Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that violations of this Emergency Order may be subject to misdemeanor prosecution pursuant to Section 45-17-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and the orders of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this Emergency Order shall remain in effect until May 31, 2020, unless rescinded or superseded by another applicable order by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

AS APPROVED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI, THIS 11th DAY OF MAY, 2020.


DIANE DELAWARE, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
Kameilia Williams, City Clerk