



SAFER AT HOME FAQs

*UPDATED WITH AMENDED PROVISIONS UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDERS 1478 & 1480

GENERAL

HOW LONG WILL THIS LAST?

- UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1480, THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER AND ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020 AT 8:00 AM.
- YOU CAN VIEW THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER, EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1478 AND 1480 ON GOVERNOR REEVES' WEBSITE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDERS AT GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19.

WHAT AREA DOES IT COVER?

- THE ENTIRE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

HEALTHCARE

CAN I GO TO THE DOCTOR/DENTIST?

- YES. TRAVEL FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY IS PERMITTED.
- HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, INCLUDING DENTISTS, MAY RESUME PERFORMING SOME NON-EMERGENT, ELECTIVE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDANCE FROM THE MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CDC.

CAN I GO TO THE PHARMACY TO FILL MY PRESCRIPTION?

- YES. TRAVEL FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY IS PERMITTED.

UNEMPLOYMENT

WHAT IF I'M LAID OFF WHILE MY BUSINESS IS CLOSED DURING THIS COVID-19 EPIDEMIC?

CONTACT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AT MDES.MS.GOV OR YOUR LOCAL WIN JOB CENTER FOR ASSISTANCE. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSULT WITH YOUR EMPLOYER.

TRAVEL

CAN I GO TO SCHOOL OR TAKE MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?

- SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED FOR THE REST OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR.
- TRAVEL TO OR FROM SCHOOLS IS ALLOWED FOR PURPOSES OF RECEIVING MATERIALS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING, TO RECEIVE MEALS, AND FOR OTHER EDUCATION-RELATED PURPOSES.



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TRAVEL (CONT.)

CAN I GO TO WORK?

- YES, YOU MAY LEAVE YOUR HOME TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM YOUR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS IF THE BUSINESS IS PERMITTED TO BE OPEN OR RE-OPEN UNDER THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER.
- ALL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE ALLOWING THEIR EMPLOYEES TO WORK FROM HOME OR TELEWORK TO ALL EXTENT POSSIBLE.

CAN I GO TO THE GROCERY STORE?

- OF COURSE. WE ASK THAT YOU MAKE A LIST AND BUY YOUR GROCERIES AND SUPPLIES IN AS FEW TRIPS AS POSSIBLE—ONCE A WEEK, NOT ONCE A DAY.
- WHILE AT THE GROCERY STORE, YOU SHOULD PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING, INCLUDING MAINTAIN A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF SIX FEET BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AND AVOID CONGREGATING IN COMMON AREAS.

CAN I VISIT A FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME?

- NO. MOST VISITS ARE NOT ALLOWED. FOR THE SAFETY OF RESIDENTS, PATIENTS, AND STAFF, VISITS TO HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES ARE PROHIBITED EXCEPT TO VISIT THOSE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING IMMINENT END-OF-LIFE CARE, OR AS OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY THAT HEALTHCARE FACILITY.

CAN I TRAVEL TO ASSIST ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS WITH GROCERIES, MEDICINES, AND MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS?

- YES, TRAVEL CONTINUES TO BE PERMITTED TO CARE FOR THE ELDERLY, MINORS, DEPENDENTS, AND VULNERABLE PERSONS.

IF A FAMILY MEMBER HAS BEEN QUARANTINED BECAUSE OF A KNOWN CONTACT WITH AN ACTIVE DIAGNOSED CASE OF COVID-19, MAY I STILL VISIT HIM/HER?

- NO. PLEASE CONSULT WITH THE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICIALS ON SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.

CAN I ATTEND MY CHURCH'S PARKING LOT SERVICES DURING THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER?

- YES, YOU MAY TRAVEL TO ATTEND PARKING LOT CHURCH SERVICES WITH EVERYONE STAYING IN THEIR CARS.
- HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE TO ASK THAT CHURCH SERVICES BE HELD ONLINE AND REMOTELY TO HELP SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.



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PERSONAL CARE

CAN I GET MY HAIR AND NAILS DONE?

- YES. SALONS AND BARBERSHOPS ARE ALLOWED TO REOPEN UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1480 WITH STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES. SALONS INCLUDE HAIR SALONS, NAIL SALONS, SPAS, AND MASSAGE THERAPY.
- YOU CAN VIEW THE FULL LIST OF REQUIREMENTS IN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER AT GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19.
- OTHER FACILITIES SUCH AS TATTOO PARLORS REMAIN CLOSED AT THIS TIME UNDER THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER, EXCEPT FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF RETAIL SALES BY DRIVE-THRU, CURBSIDE PICK-UP, AND/OR DELIVERY SERVICES.

CAN I EXERCISE OR WORK OUT?

- YES. FITNESS AND EXERCISE GYMS ARE ALLOWED TO REOPEN UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1480 WITH STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING AND CAPACITY GUIDELINES.
- YOU CAN VIEW THE FULL LIST OF REQUIREMENTS IN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER AT GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

CAN I GO FISHING?

- YES. FISHING FROM YOUR BOAT OR FROM THE BANKS OF STATE PARK LAKES, STATE LAKES, AND RESERVOIRS IS PERMITTED WITH APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING SUCH AS MAINTAINING A MINIMUM OF SIX FEET DISTANCE BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS.

CAN I GO FOR A BOAT RIDE?

- YES. RECREATIONAL BOATING WITH APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE INSIDE THE BOAT IS PERMITTED.
- THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE BOAT ARE LIMITED TO THE GREATER OF TWO OCCUPANTS OR 50% OF THE OCCUPANCY LIMIT OF ALL MULTI-PERSON BOATS.

CAN MY SOCCER TEAM COMPETE IN AN UPCOMING TOURNAMENT?

- NO. OUTDOOR GROUP RECREATION OR ACTIVITIES ARE ALLOWED FOR GROUPS OF 20 OR LESS, INCLUDING PRACTICE (BUT NOT GAMES OR TOURNAMENTS) FOR SPORTS LIKE BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, SOCCER, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT CAN MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING.
- INDIVIDUAL RECREATION IS ALSO ENCOURAGED. THIS WOULD INCLUDE RUNNING, BIKING, OR WALKING BY YOURSELF OR WITH THOSE YOU LIVE WITH.



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FOR YOUR HOME

CAN MY UTILITIES BE SHUT OFF DURING THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER?

- NO. AFTER THE GOVERNOR DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (PSC) ISSUED AN EMERGENCY ORDER PROHIBITING UTILITY SHUTOFFS.
- WHILE UTILITIES MAY NOT BE SHUTOFF DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILLS.
- YOU CAN VIEW THE EMERGENCY ORDER AT WWW.MSEMA.ORG/NEWS/PUBLIC-SERVICE-COMMISSION-TO-PROHIBITING-UTILITY-SHUTOFFS/.

CAN I BE EVICTED DURING THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER?

- NO. ALL EVICTIONS CONTINUE TO BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED UNDER THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER.
- HOWEVER, YOU MUST STILL MAKE ANY RENTAL OR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW, INCLUDING THE DUTY TO AVOID DESTRUCTION TO PROPERTY, AND ALL PROVISIONS AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE RENTAL AGREEMENT OR MORTGAGE DOCUMENTS.

LARGE GATHERINGS

CAN I ATTEND MY FAMILY'S ANNUAL PICNIC IF WE HOLD IT OUTSIDE?

- OUTSIDE GATHERINGS OF 20 PEOPLE OR LESS WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE ALLOWED UNDER THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER, WHICH WAS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478. YOU CAN VIEW THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ON GOVERNOR REEVES' WEBSITE AT GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19.

ARE FAMILY REUNIONS, WEDDINGS, OR FUNERALS PERMITTED UNDER THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER?

- NO. ALL NON-ESSENTIAL, SOCIAL GATHERINGS OF 10 OR MORE INDOORS AND 20 OR MORE OUTDOORS WHERE INDIVIDUALS ARE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY MUST BE CANCELLED OR RESCHEDULED.

RESTAURANTS & RETAIL BUSINESSES

DO I NEED TO TAKE TEMPERATURES FOR EACH CUSTOMER WHO COMES TO MY RESTAURANT?

- NO. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THAT RESTAURANT OWNERS ASK CUSTOMERS THE SAME 5 SCREENING QUESTIONS THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO ASK THEIR EMPLOYEES BEFORE EACH SHIFT.
- YOU CAN VIEW THE LIST OF QUESTIONS IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478, WHICH IS AVAILABLE ON GOVERNOR REEVES' WEBSITE AT GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19.



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RESTAURANTS & RETAIL BUSINESSES (CONT.)

WHEN CAN I REOPEN MY RESTAURANT FOR IN-HOUSE DINING SERVICES?

- UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478, THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT AND BAR MUST BE DEEP-CLEANED, DISINFECTED, AND SANITIZED BEFORE YOU CAN RESUME IN-DINE SERVICES.
- RESTAURANTS MUST ALSO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE REGULATIONS, ORDERS, AND GUIDELINES FROM THE MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CDC.
- ONCE OPEN, ONLY 50% CAPACITY WILL BE ALLOWED.
- YOU CAN VIEW THE FULL REQUIREMENTS UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478 ON GOVERNOR REEVES' WEBSITE AT GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19.

I'M CONCERNED ABOUT GOING BACK TO WORK FOR A RESTAURANT SINCE I'LL BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH CUSTOMERS. IS MY EMPLOYER GOING TO PROVIDE ANY PROTECTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES?

- UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478, RESTAURANTS MUST PROVIDE A CLOTH MASK TO EVERY EMPLOYEE WHO COMES IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH CUSTOMERS. EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THAT MASK WHILE ON DUTY.
- CLOTH MASKS FOR RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES MEANS FACE COVERINGS THAT COVER YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH. THESE FACE COVERINGS MUST BE CLEANED OR REPLACED DAILY.
- IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478, "HAND SANITIZER" MEANS ANY HAND ANTISEPTIC, HAND RUB, SOAP, OR AGENT APPLIED TO YOUR HANDS TO REMOVE COMMON PATHOGENS.
- FOR ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS FROM COVID-19, YOU CAN VIEW THE FULL LIST OF REQUIREMENTS IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478 AT GOVERNOR REEVES' WEBSITE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDERS AT GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19.

IT'S MY GRANDMOTHER'S BIRTHDAY. CAN MY WHOLE FAMILY GO OUT TO DINNER TO CELEBRATE?

- UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478, PARTY SIZES AT RESTAURANTS ARE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 6 CUSTOMERS PER TABLE.
- WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE CUSTOMERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTED BY RESTAURANTS TO LIMIT PERSON-TO-PERSON CONTACT, SUCH AS MOBILE/ONLINE RESERVATIONS AND TEXT UPON ARRIVAL.

CAN I OPEN MY BAR UNDER THE NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER?

- BARS OR BAR AREAS THAT DO NOT OFFER FOOD SERVICES ARE TO REMAIN CLOSED.



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CAN I HAVE LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES AT MY RESTAURANT?

- NO. UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478, LIVE MUSIC IS NOT ALLOWED AT RESTAURANTS OR BARS AT THIS TIME.

CAN MY RESTAURANT REMAIN OPEN AFTER 10:00 PM TO CONTINUE SERVING CUSTOMERS?

- UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478, RESTAURANTS MUST CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC BY 10:00 PM EACH DAY FOR IN-HOUSE DINING.
- HOWEVER, RESTAURANTS MAY CONTINUE TO REMAIN OPEN AFTER 10:00 PM BUT ARE LIMITED TO DRIVE-THRU, CURBSIDE PICK-UP, AND/OR DELIVERY SERVICE CONSISTENT WITH THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER.

ENTERTAINMENT

ARE AMUSEMENT PARKS INCLUDED IN PARKS THAT HAVE BEEN OPENED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478?

- NO, NOT AT THIS TIME. PLACES OF AMUSEMENT, SUCH AS AMUSEMENT PARKS AND RIDES, MUSEUMS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND CHILDREN'S PARTY AND PLAY FACILITIES, REMAIN CLOSED.
- STATE, MUNICIPAL, AND PRIVATE PARKS MAY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM EACH DAY FOR OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FROM STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
- WALKING TRAILS IN PARKS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM TIME FRAME. THEY MAY REMAIN OPEN SUBJECT TO LOCAL AUTHORITY.

LEGAL AUTHORITIES

I HAVE A COURT APPEARANCE SCHEDULE DURING THIS SAFER AT HOME ORDER, MAY I ATTEND?

- YES. ALL STATE COURTS CONTINUE TO BE OPEN.
- PLEASE CONSULT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND COURT PERSONNEL TO BE SURE OF THE DATE AND TIME, OR TO LEARN IF IT HAS BEEN POSTPONED OR RESCHEDULED BEFORE TRAVELING.

WHAT IF MY CITY OR TOWN HAS ADOPTED MORE STRICT REGULATIONS?

- COMBATING COVID-19 IN MISSISSIPPI IS A JOINT EFFORT WITH FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WORKING TOGETHER.
- LOCAL OR COUNTY AUTHORITIES UNDERSTAND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BEST AND MAY ADOPT AND ENFORCE RULES THAT ARE MORE STRICT, AS LONG THEY DO NOT PREVENT ANY ESSENTIAL BUSINESS OR OPERATION AS IDENTIFIED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1463 FROM PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND FUNCTIONS.