

The following Local Executive Order further amends and supplements all previous Local Executive Orders and its Emergency Proclamation and Resolution adopted by the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, pertaining to COVID-19. All provisions of previous local orders and proclamations shall remain in full force and effect.

LOCAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-019

Governor Tate Reeves in his Executive Order No. 1492 instituted a statewide Safe Return order to restart the economy, open all businesses and non-profits operating within Mississippi, and permit the resumption of community activities subject to limitations to minimize person to person interactions and associated risk of transmission of COVID-19.

Governor Reeves further amended Executive Order 1492 by Executive Orders, 1496, 1500, 1505, 1508, 1511, and 1514 which remain in full force and effect until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 17, 2020.

In response to Lee County reporting higher numbers of new cases over shorter periods of time accounting for a larger percentage of the State's overall case count, having a higher percent incidence of positive cases per number of test performed, evidence of shared workforce between jurisdiction with common risk factors, and other public health indicators reflecting ongoing community transmission, the Governor established additional measures necessary to disrupt the spread of COVID-19 with Lee County.

These measures include:

All businesses and business operations:

- Employees must be screened at the beginning of their shift requiring at a minimum these questions to be asked:
 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 a new loss of taste or smell?
 5. Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?

Any question answered affirmatively requires the employee to be sent home or for further medical evaluation.

- Congruent with the City of Tupelo Mayor's Executive Order 20-018, face coverings are required for all employees who are unable to maintain a minimum of 6 feet of separation from customers and other employees.
- Expanding the City of Tupelo Mayor's Executive Order 20-018, all customers shall wear a face covering, covering nose and mouth, while inside businesses and business operations subject to specific exceptions.

Expanding the exceptions in 20-018:

- Persons seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired in a way that requires the mouth to be visible.
- Persons while giving a speech, presentation, or performance for a broadcast or to an audience.
- Person actively providing or obtaining access to religious worship (NOTE wearing a face covering is strongly encouraging)
- Children under the age of (6).

The sale of alcohol in bars is limited to only seated patrons. Restaurants and bars shall not sell alcohol between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Restricting indoor social gatherings/activities to a maximum of 10 participants and a maximum of 20 participants outdoor. This restriction shall not apply to religious entities, students in classrooms, or gatherings in facilities governed by other capacity limitations.

Congruent with the City of Tupelo Mayor's Executive Order 20-018, face coverings are required to be worn both indoors and outdoors in public. This does not apply to individuals engaged in organized school athletic practices, including weight training and outdoor practices, or other outdoor exercising.

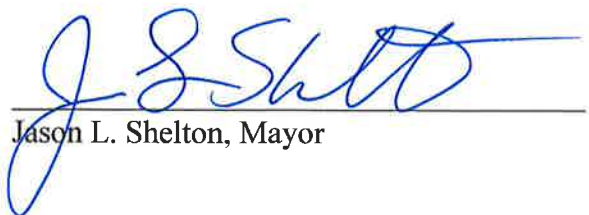
Additionally, the City of Tupelo Parks and Recreation Department will not be scheduling any games or tournaments until September 8, 2020, at any facility or field. This will allow for preparation for the coming fall season.

Additional information can be found at www.tupeloms.gov COVID-19 information landing page.

Pursuant to Miss. Code Anno. §33-15-17(d)(1972 as amended), this Local Executive Order shall be effective at 8:00 a.m. on August 3, 2020, and shall remain in full force and effect until 8:00 a.m. on August 17, 2020, under these terms until reviewed, approved or disapproved at the first regular meeting following such Local Executive Order or at a special meeting legally called for such a review.

The City of Tupelo reserves its authority to respond to local conditions as necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

So ordered, this the 31st day of July, 2020.



Jason L. Shelton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kim Hanna, CFO/City Clerk